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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / FEBRUARY

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Treasury Department
Feb: 1. 1858,

Sir

I enclose herewith
two transfer drafts on the Treasurer
of the Mint in favor of the Depository
at Norfolk for \$50.00 each payable in
Silver Coins. Be pleased to hasten, as
much as possible, the Coinage of the bullion
hand, into half dollars, and to cause
the amount of the enclosed drafts to be
transferred as soon as may be

I am very Respectfully
Wm. Lobb
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Sec Treasury

Enclosing herewith
draft in favor
of depositary at
Mt Hope

Dec 3, 1858

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Sammy 30th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of
29th inst, and by Adams Express Co. of \$20443.
95 for Silver Coins, and \$33 Gold Coins, in
payment of Invoice No 172 -

Very respectfully

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Paul Strong & Co
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Office, New York

Secretary's Department

From

J. J. Visco, Treas
New York

Recd

Feb. 2/58

G.
Sec Treasury

February 1858

Monthly count and
Examination

Feb. 1. 1858.

Feb. 1. 8

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th ult.^o exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold coins	\$ 90,884.92
In Silver coins	310,586.86
In Ordinary Fund	2,112.02
In New Cents	38.85
Repair Fund	24.89
New Orleans Branch Mint Fund	648.91
San Francisco	18.66
Total	<u>\$404,284.81</u>

Which was found to agree with the balances as stated upon the books of account in his office.

The balance in the hands of the
Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at the same
time was found to be \$354,694.99, in gold and
silver coin, corresponding with that Officers book of
account.

An examination into the conduct of the
Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that
the business of the institution is conducted with
fidelity and care, and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Sam. A. Bowers
Director of the Mint

Wm. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

J.
O.

Chief Commr
U.S. Mint

Direct dismissal
of San? Lar Rey
a Workman in his
Department

Feb 1, 1858.

Feb. 1. 8.

Dear Sir,

As I learn from
your monthly report that Daniel
Larky one of the workmen
in the rolling room has been
absent for weeks at a time
without leave, and as cause
has been assigned for the same,
and that his habits are not
good in reference to the use of
spirituous liquors - I have
to request that you notify
him that his services will
not be needed at the Mint
after this day.

Very Respectfully

Geo. H. Childs Esq. Your obt. servant,
Chief Coiner. *Samuel Peck Howden*
U. S. Mint. *Director of the Mint.*

American Association for the
Extension of the Decimal System.
70 Broad Street (New York,
1 Feby 1858.

Sir,
The President of this Society
Marshall Lefferts Esq. will feel
greatly obliged if you will kindly
direct him where he can pro-
cure the "Answers to Lord Over-
stone's Questions to the Royal
Commissioners," which, he presumes
are published, and in connection
with which, he has observed
your name in one of the Lon-
don News-papers. (Whatever other
information you can communicate
to this Society will be at all times
thankfully received.

By the mail of this day
we send you a "Report" which

From Ho
Rec. Am. Ass.
for Extension of
Decimal Coinage
System,
N.Y.

In relation to procuring
copy of my replies
to Lord Overstone,
queries on
Decimal Coinage
System

Dec. 6. 1858.

Sir,

Feb. 6th 8

In response to the letter of Mr. Felton, the Secretary of your Society - which I received to-day - I have to state that I have not received the printed answers to Lord Montagu's questions respecting the decimal system.

I responded very fully 1. To a series of questions proposed by Lord Montagu, who favors the system; and 2, to queries proposed by his Colleague Lord Overstone who seems opposed to the system: or at least wishes to show, if not the impracticability, at least the great inconvenience, which will attend its introduction into England.

I have reason to believe that
my answers to Lord Stanhope's
queries were not sent forth
as he expected: because I had
shown to Mr. Burton, the Secretary
of the House of Commons, at
Liverpool. that he should send
the answers as his private
property, and I, however, as
he thought fit; and I re-
solutely to send a copy
of my answers to that the
friends of the Annual
System might use them
This I did: and the
whole whole some course
under my observation have
led ^{out} to the same conclusion
which Mr. Butler has
arrived at, namely, that
the responses have been
published in England.

I have to thank you for a
copy of a sketch of a Committee
on the extension of the
document system to copyrights and
patents of the United States, which
I will carefully examine at
the earliest opportunity.

I am, with great respect,
Yours obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Marshall Report &c. Director of the Am.
President of the
American Association for the
Extension of the Document System.
1170 Broadway St,
New-York.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 2. 1858.

Sir

I herewith transmit receipt and
statement of One bar of gold weighing gross
246.21 Ozs net value \$5,018⁵⁹ for which
I will thank you to return double eagles
at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

J. M. J. C. W. C.
Treasurer

From

d. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

Feb. 3/58

No. 174 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

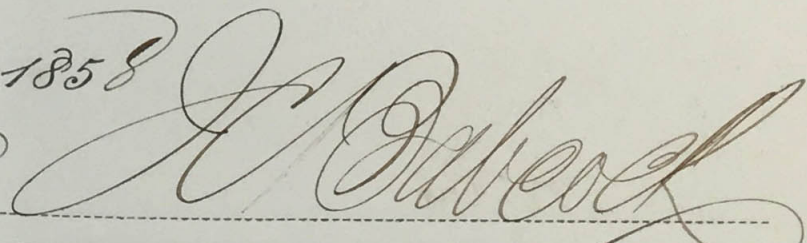
One Bag containing 246²¹ ozs Gold Bullion,
" " " " Silver "

Parcel " " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 5018⁵⁹
Five Thousand Eighteen⁵⁹ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 2 1858

Adams & Co. 

No. 704

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, February 2 1858

I Certify That *J. Thompson, Secretary of Interior*
has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States,
Eleven hundred and fifty $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars
on account of *Trust for Indian Tribes*
for which

I have signed duplicate receipts.

Levi S. Thurston

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

\$ 1,150

Frederick Feby 2 1888

Sir

Yours of 29th is at hand
& in compliance with your request, you
will please find enclosed our Certificate
of Deposit at the Mint for \$150⁰⁰, for
which we await return of Cents up
to amount of Same,

Very Respectfully
L M S H M Niedorff

To Dan^l Sturgeon Esq

Treas. U. S. Mint

Phil

From

L. M. & H. M. Nixdorf

Fredrick

Recd

Feb 4/50

Md.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
February 3^d 1858.

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the Quarter ending 31 December, 1857, has been adjusted at the Treasury Department, and a balance found due from you to the United States of \$ 6031.57
Balance due the U.S. for your a/c Current. 6020.81
Making this difference. \$ 10.76

which is explained as follows:-

164⁸ cr. 18^c = 2.88
in bill 3.24
36 diff.

Error in calculation, Nov. 28th... Edwin King. \$ 36
" " " " 302... W. R. Lidy. " 40
Bill of C. Barnard, for pens. (in J. R. Lidy's
a/c) receipted by J. R. Lidy, without authority. 10.00
Which is the difference found. \$ 10.76

(over)

Respectfully.

Your obt. Servant

J. M. Connell

Acting Comptroller

Handwritten notes in the top left corner, including "Rec'd" and "Feb 4/50".

From

1st Comptroller

Washington

Rec'd

Feb 4/50

Depository Office
Wash. Feby 22. 1858,

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt from the Adams Express
Company to day, of Ten bags containing Fifty thousand
dollars in Silver coins in payment of Transfer Draft
No. 4888 in my favor on the Treas. of the United States
at Philadelphia.

\$50,000

Very respectfully

Yr. obt. servt.

Wm. Thomson Mason
Depository

ref

Paul. Stevens Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

J. Thompson Mason

Depos?

Baltimore

Recd

Feb. 3/58

To Sec Interin

Enclosing certificate
of deposit \$2,337.50

Feb. 3, 1838.

Feb. 3^d 8.

Sir,

I have collected and deposited for you with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States in this city, the following amounts, viz:

Fifty six coupons (Penn. 5 per cent bonds)	\$1.150
Your draft in my favor on Cash & Bank of Penn.	
(interest on \$50,000 Penn. Loan)	\$1,250
Less State tax 5 per cent	62.50 - 1.187.50
	<u>\$2,337.50</u>

Enclosed please find certificates for the above deposits, and statement of L. L. Fenimore Asst. Cashr., Bank of Pennsylvania, of the State tax on interest on Penn. Loan.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your Obedient servant
Samuel Robt Reynolds,
Director of the Mint

Hon. J. Thompson,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington.

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing coin
and Fullers statement

Oct 3, 1857,

Feb. 3. 8

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ropes Randen
Director of the Mint.

Wm. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From + to

B. J. Perkins Esq

South Dames

Mass

Being 30 Silver
Leadonly Medals
Struck

Feb. 14. 1858

South Danvers Mass. Feb 10th 1838.

Dear Sir,

Will you please strike off
thirty silver "Probody medals" and
transmit the same to me as soon
as convenient.

Yours truly

Benj: C. Perkins

Chairman of School
Committee of So. Danvers

Feb 13. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor of
the 10th inst.

The medals you desire will
be made and forwarded to you in the course
of a week.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Rowden.
Director of the Mint.

Benj. L. Perkins Esq.,

Ch. School Lane, South Duxbury,
Mass.

To,
Geo B Chius Esq

Order respecting
Regular attendance
of Workmen

Feb 3, 1858.

Feb. 3 87

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to call
your attention to irregularities
in the attendance of the
workmen in your Department.

It is expected and required
that the ~~workmen~~ shall
come at 7 o'clock and
remain until 5 o'clock.
Absences must be noticed
and reported.

~~Yours~~ Very Resp. & fully
your obedient,

Samuel R. Chapman
for Mr. Childs & Directors,
Chy. Comm.
U. S. Mint

New York Feb 4. 1858

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find Certificate
of deposits \$101. in favor of Gilbert Hale dated
Jan'y 14. 1858, for fifty Dollars \$50, amt of
which please find to us this bank in New Eng
Coin, as the vessel by which we want to ship them
south, will probably sail on Saturday evening & (maybe),
20.

The Treasurers
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia }

Yours truly
J. Alden & Co

Sent N.Y. 5/58 - advised -

Trinity

Stoddard & Clarke

New York

Recd

Feb 5/58

Mint of the United States Phila. Feb. 4. 1858

Dear Sir

Reflecting on the defective operations of the coining room to which my attention has been called: it strikes me that the most suitable person in my department to entrust with the systematic examination contemplated: is, George Eckfeldt; his general knowledge of all the processes from the furnace to the coining press; as well as in the preparatory manipulation and working of the dies: would render his judgement the most available in correcting defects: and his familiarity with the correct aspect of the coin itself, would render his opinion the more reliable. I have conversed with him on the subject, and finding him piqued for the credit of our own department: I am induced to acquaint you with his own proposal which is to go into the coining room and give them a general overhauling, and report whatever he finds amiss or working badly.

only he wants authority under your own
hand; which is my reason for writing
that I may know your pleasure and
satisfy his scruples in respect to what
might otherwise be regarded as interfe-
rence with another department. —

Very Respectfully, —

Ames B. Longacre

J. R. Snowden Esq^r
Director

From S. L.

L. B. Longacre Esq
Engraver
U. S. Mint

Examination of
Machinery in
Copper Dept

Feb 5th / 88

Mint of the United States,
Phila. Feb. 5, 1858,

Dear Sir,

Referring to the subject to which
I brought your attention, I have now to
state that it is necessary that a ~~careful~~ careful
examination should be made in the Coining
rooms as to the manner the pieces are
struck. As the dies are prepared in your
department it seems appropriate that you
should in person, as far as may be practi-
cable and convenient, examine the coining
operations. But as a convenient mode of
fully discharging this duty (when in convenient
for you to do so in person) I concur in the
suggestion you make that Mr. George East-
field, a foreman in your dept, ^{authorised to} make what-
ever examinations are necessary and to report
to you on the subject.

J. B. Longacre Esq.
Engraver U.S. Mint

Very Respectfully,
James R. Thompson
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 4. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, eight boxes silver bullion, weighing gross 15,963²² ozs
net value \$ 19,431.94 Contains gold, net value \$ 337.97

I will thank you to return
quarter dollars for the former; and gold coins
for the latter

P. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Wey
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

Recd

New York

Feb. 5/58

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. _____ Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
Eight " " \$ 1596 3.01 of Silver "
Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 19,769.91

Nineteen thousand seven hundred & sixty nine $\frac{9}{100}$

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Feb 4 1858

Adams Express Co

[Signature]

To
Saml W Butternorth Esq
Supt U. S. Army Office
N. Y.

Request Statement
Operations 4th Dr
1858.

Feb. 4. 1858.

Sir,

Feb. 4. 8.

I will thank you to send me as soon as it can be prepared a statement of the operations of your the assay office for the quarter ending December 31, 1857.

Hereafter you will please make a report of the operations of the office at the end of each month in addition to the quarterly statements heretofore asked for.

I am, very Respectfully
Yours obt. servant,

Samuel R. Johnson
Sam. H. Bullenworth, Director of the Mint.
Supt. assay office,
New-York.

It affords me much pleasure to learn
~~that you commence the~~ ~~that you~~ of the flattering
prospects of the institution ^{for the future} under your care and
the harmony prevailing among its officers

I have late presented ~~a~~ a new set.

~~The~~ It is a source of pleasure to
me to learn of the flattering prospects of ~~your~~
~~branch~~ ~~which~~ ~~the~~ institution under your charge

By the next mail I hope
to be able to send you

Slint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 1. 1858.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a st

Feb 11/58

Memorandum of
Affairs from Com
to have the
State for 1858

To the Secretary

Feb 4. 8

Sir,

I received your favor of the 1st inst enclosing two transfer drafts on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Depositary at Norfolk for \$50,000 each payable in silver coin.

The following amount has been forwarded to-day (per Adams Express) on account of the above drafts viz:

In Half Dollars	\$ 30,000
" Quarter "	50,000
	<u>\$ 80,000</u>

The balance due on the drafts (\$20,000,) will be forwarded in half-dollars, in the course of two or three days.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Am. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington

Your faithful servant
Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint

United States Assay Office
New-York, Feb. 6, 1858.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a statement of the business of this Office for the 4th quarter 1857. The incompleteness of the calculations of some of the deposits of December, owing to delays in payment, has prevented an earlier report.

Your letter of the 4th inst is received, and I am in doubt whether or not a letter which I addressed to you on the 28th ult. was received.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.,

Saml. D. Patterson

Supy

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

From J. P. Butterworth Esq

Sup^t ~~R. M. M.~~
Assay Office
N. Y.

2^d Report 4th 2^d
1857

Nov. 10, 1857

Mint of the United States

Philad^a. 5 Feb. 1858.

Sir,

I have to report that the conduct of the
clerks and others engaged in my office con-
tinues satisfactory, as at the last report.

Very respectfully

Your obed^t serv^t

Wm^d Sturgeon
(Recd)

A. R. Snowden, Esq
Director of

From
Chas. W. A. Miner
Feb. 1858

Monthly Report

Feb. 5, 1838

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 5 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$ 5,018.59 in gold coins, in payment of invoice
No 174.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgis Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Wm J. C. Wicks
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treasr
New York

Recd

Feb. 6/58.

Department of the Interior,
Feb'y 5th 1858.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d inst, enclosing certificates of deposit for \$2,337.50, and tax receipt for \$62.50. For your attention in the matter, pray accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Your obedt servt,

J. Thompson
Secretary.

J. Robt Snowden Esq,
Director, U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Of
Hon J. Thompson
Sec Interior
Washington

ACK Receipt of
Certificates of deposit
of monies collected
for that Department

Feb. 6. 1858.

Reading Feb 6. 1858
Col J R Snowden
Director of the U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Six months ago I forwarded to your
address by Howards & Co^s express one hundred
dollars in copper coin in exchange for the
new one cent issue. I requested Isaac
I James Esq to call at the mint and get
the amount due me. the information which
I received from Mr James is that the coin
will be paid promptly upon the presentation
of the proper certificates. I wrote to Mess
Howard & Co on the 26th ult they say they
had called at the mint but did not
receive the coin. be pleased to answer
and state the cause of delay.

Very truly Yours &c
Lewis H Munroe.

Phil. Feb. 9. 1858

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 6th.
inst. has been received. I beg leave to state
in reply that your deposit of one hundred
dollars has been paid long since to Howard & Co.
express.

Reading.
Feb. 6. 1858

From Lewis H. Munroe,
deposited one hundred
dollars of Old Copper cents,
(to be paid in cents of the
new issue) six months
since. requests the
cause of the delay
in not receiving pay-
ment.

Answered Feb. 9. 1858

Pittsburgh Feb 6th 58

M^r J. R. Snowden

Dear Sir

Is fips and Levys
taken at the mint; and if so.
upon what terms

Answer by return mail
and you will greatly oblige an
old townsman

Yours &c

James Tibby Jr

Pittsburg. Feb. 6. 1858

From Jas. Tibby, Jr.
asking upon what terms
the Spanish fractions of a
dollar are taken at the
Mint. (received
Feb. 8. 1858 — an-
swered same date,)
enclosing a Circular

Leicester, Feb. 7. 1858.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Saturday, & the accompanying pamphlet, reached me yesterday, & I embrace the first moment today to say, that I will be with you, if possible, on the 8th inst.

I had previously rec^d a communication from the Sec^y of the Treas^y, informing me of the trust which the President had done me the honour to confide to me; and was much disappointed, in searching the libraries of my legal friends, not to find all the laws in relation to the Mint, Coinage, &c.

Your pamphlet, however, has remedied the difficulty, & relieved me from much trouble & some anxiety.

Be pleased to accept my thanks for yr. attention, & to believe me, with great regard,

Your obed^t. Servant,

W. L. Athol.

Hon. James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

From
John L. Allen MD
Lancaster

Annual Essay

Feb. 2, 1858.

Logansport, Ind., Feb. 6, 1858.

Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa. }

Sir:

Some weeks since I wrote to you, stating that I had found among the papers of a deceased brother, Stanislaus Lasselle, two original receipts numbered 9,948 & 9,949, dated San Francisco, June 27 1852, given by Adams & Co's Express to him for two packages of gold dust addressed to the Philadelphia Mint, subject to the order of Malena & Caroline V. Lasselle, and which had been enclosed by them to him; also two Mint memorandums of gold bullion deposited, Nos 1746 & 1747, given ^{to the latter, M. & C. V. L.} by the Treasurer of the Mint, the 2nd of May, 1852 — one for \$1079.02, the other for \$1083.30; and requested you would do me the kindness to inform me whether any disposition of these matters had been made by the Mint, or my brother in his lifetime, as I had no knowledge and could form no judgment, of their situation.

But having received no answer to my letter, I again take the liberty of asking for the information, and hope you may find leisure sufficient to address me a line upon the subject.

Respectfully Yours,
Charles B. Lasselle,

From

C. B. Lasselle

Recd

Logansport

Feb 12/58

Ind^y

Depository Office, Norfolk
February 6th 1858

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt to-day
per Adams Express Co. from the Treasurer of
the mint at Phil^a eighty thousand dollars
(\$80,000) in silver coins (\$50,000 in $\frac{1}{4}$ ^{ths} + \$30,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^s)
which has been placed to credit of Treasurer
of U. States on the books of this office

Very Respectfully Yours
D. J. Sawyer
Depository

Saml. Thompson Esq
Treasurer Mint
Phil^a

From

Dep. U. S.

Norfolk

Recd

re.

Feb. 8/58

Letters Reports &c Annual Assay
Feb 7. 8. 9. 10 1858

New York 8th Feby 1858.

Jai.

I am obliged for your letter of the 6th inst. in reference to the "Question of Lord Bristow".

I presume we shall receive in due season the "Blue Book" with the whole story.

The "Am. Ass. for the Extension of the Decimal System" have prepared answers to Lord Bristow's questions - which will be printed, and I shall take pleasure in transmitting you a copy.

In the mean time I beg you to accept another publication of the Association. Much more elaborate in its considerations of the Reform proposed.

You will do the Association a favor, if you will at your earliest convenience give us your views as to our proposed reform, and trusting we may have the weight of your extended influence. I am

Jai.

Yours most Respectfully
Marshall Luffelt.
Secy.

James R. Thorndew. Esq.
Director Minb. of the U. S.
Phil.

Am. Ass. for the Extension of Decimal
S.

To
From

Marshall Lefferts Esq

Post Am. Ass.^d

Ex-Dee. Comm
N.Y.

Justins of Long Bottom

Feb 11, 1858.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director U S Mint

New York Feb 8th 1858

Dear Sir

When our Mr Wickham was in Phila in the fall, he had some conversation with your Mr Taylor, about furnishing you the Alloy, of which the cents are made, already mixed of a pure quality, rolled to any desired size. With this we send you a sample of the Metal composed of 88 parts Copper & 12 Nickel, both of the purest quality. This can be furnished at 60 ct-yr lb. or if you prefer we would furnish the Blanks, all ready for stamping at 5 ct-yr lb. additional. Should you decide to order any of the Metal, please send us an ingot or strip of the exact size you wish - or if you prefer the blanks - we shall need a few of them for sample - We have also a few cores of Nickel on hand, if you should need any.

Yours very truly
Reed Taylor & Co

J
Wm & S

Messrs Pease & Taylor
New York

Wick

Feb 25. 1858

Feb 25. 8

Gentlemen,

I received in due time your favor of the 8th inst and also the sample of the new cent alloy therein referred to.

As the alloy which we make costs us considerably less than the price you have named, your offer is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Reed Taylor & Co.
New York }

copy. -

Legation of the United States
Naples Feb 7. 1858.

Sir,

Your communication of the 14th of January last, accompanied with a statement of my account with the United States to the 30th of September, exhibiting a balance due to me of \$2,192.08, has been duly received. The difference between this balance and that of \$1,433.36 claimed by me, is, except as regards a slight difference in the rate at which Gold exchange is estimated and an alleged overcharge of \$5.54 in a postage account apparent only. The ~~three~~ drafts amounting to \$2,313.06, not then presented, have doubtless been presented since, and when presented, less in exchange will be allowable ~~on them~~: which less, when allowed, will reduce probably to \$10 or \$12 - only, the difference between your estimate of that less & mine.

You inform me that the first Comptroller has adopted a rule not to allow any exp. in exchange upon any drafts unless said draft has been actually sold by the minister and a certificate to that effect added by the Banker to the voucher; and you add: "You will please to conform to this regulation, until otherwise advised." I observe, in this connection, that you have estimated less in exchange on my quarterly drafts for salary on Barry Brothers & Co. and on my drafts on them

for contingencies.

It is quite true, that there are not the drafts negotiated by me through my bankers here, the Messrs Issueden & Co. but it is also true, that it was not upon these drafts that I ever estimated my life in exchange. By reference to my Vouchers you will find that Messrs Issueden & Co. make out my life on bills actually negotiated by me through them; precisely as you request above; and that thus I have ever conformed to the Comptroller's ^{instructions} ~~instructions~~. The reason why the bills actually negotiated by me here in Naples do not correspond with the bills accepted by Barrig Riv. & Co., was fully explained by me in my despatch No 16 of July 6, 1854, to the Secretary of State; from which despatch I beg leave to make, for your information, the following extracts: "At the suggestion of Messrs Barrig Riv. & Co. I adopted the plan of drawing money on them, [#] for the exact amounts of my salary, to my own order, and to be deposited by them, to the credit of my private account. But my actual bills negotiated through Messrs Issueden & Co. ^{and} drawn against that account are those specified in their Certificate. This will explain the apparent discrepancy between the dates and amounts of bills, as given in my account current, and those appearing on the said certificate."

In regard to the total amount in which life in exchange has been charged by me, I stated in the same despatch as follows (speaking of the account for loss in exchange) # The regulation now requires to draw quarterly.

"This account does not show the entire loss suffered by me in exchange, but only so much of the same as I consider myself authorized to charge against the United States; my actual expenditure having exceeded my salary and contingent fund, so that I had to deposit from my private funds, with Messrs. Parry, Bro & Co. But I have restricted the total gross amount of bills on which loss in exchange is charged, within the amount coming to me for salary and contingencies."

And I have continued, ever since, to keep a little within the said amount, deeming it proper that I should myself be the loser by exchange on any bills, (though actually negotiated here by me) which exceeded the annual amounts allowed me for salary and contingencies. There are still bills, actually negotiated by me here, on which I have never, (for the reasons given above) charged any loss in exchange whatever.

In regard to the information requested by you touching the coin & banking of this country, allow me to refer you to my despatch No. 26, of February 22, 1856: where you will find the whole subject of the Foreign Exchange thoroughly treated; the collection of the materials for that despatch having cost me six or eight weeks labour as to the actual par of exchange between notes & London, Mr. Parker has even given a certificate regarding it; for there is no

recognia per, it would be a mere opinion varying with the individual. It is proper however that I should add, as a supplement to the information given in the despatch referred to, what relates especially to the Secretary of the Treasury's decision regarding gold coinage.

It will be seen by the said despatch, that the government of Naples, after it had put in circulation gold pieces of three, six, fifteen & thirty ducats, & introduced, four years ago, its own currency, in consequence of which its gold coins fell to a heavy discount.

I have procured one of these gold pieces of six ducats (which are chiefly in the hands of brokers) and I find by the stamp on it, that it weighs 8.50 trappesi of gold of the fineness of 996/1000. (The Neapolitan gold weight is 20 acini to one trappese; 30 trappesi to one ounce, and 12 ounces to one pound. Therefore 360 trappesi or 7.200 acini are one pound, which is equal to ^{consequently, as 36 trappesi are 295 English ounces,} 4.950 English ounces, therefore.

166.66 grains in 6 ducats; or

19.44 grains in one ducat ^{fine gold}
or of pure gold,

19.31 grains in one ducat

Comparing this gold ducat with the gold dollar of the United States (at 23.22 grains) it appears to be worth 83.16 cents.

According to this estimate, if the gold currency of the Kingdom of Naples were at par; in other words, if ^{with} a gold ducat, a debt of a ducat owed to be paid, the gold ducat would be worth $83\frac{16}{100}$

cents; nearly agreeing with the Comptroller's opinion. But the gold ducat of Naples is not current. The government will not accept it for government dues; it is not a legal tender; no bank or shopkeeper will ~~have~~ ^{take} it, except at considerable discount. A state of things, as regards a gold coinage, such as does not, partially, exist in any other commercial country. In February 1856, when my despatch was dated, the rate of discount was $11\frac{2}{3}$ per cent; since then, that rate has gradually diminished, in consequence of the greatly improved rates of exchange and it has recently fallen to about 4 per cent, but it varies from day to day.

If therefore a Neapolitan gold ducat, provided it were at par (or was taken here in payment of a debt as a ducat) might properly be estimated as worth $83\frac{16}{100}$ cents, it is at present not worth more than 79.84 cents.

If therefore as you state, the intrinsic value ~~of all foreign currencies~~ are to be estimated according to their relative value to the gold coinage of the United States; the gold ducat of Naples ~~can~~ at the present time, according to the letter of the late instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, scarcely be estimated at 80 cents.

In addition to this, it is evident, that if, in the settlement of my accounts for loss in exchange, the ducat is to be

rated higher than 80 cents, then in
crediting myself for payments made in
ducats ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ Naples (as for postage &c) I
ought to charge the ducat at the same
advanced rate. So that it would make
a variation (though a slight one) in
the whole of my accounts.

But the entire amount of
the difference is so trifling, compared
with the total of that account, that
I am quite content to accept your
adjustment, exactly as it stands; and
shall therefore regard it as definitive,
unless I hear from you to the contrary.

I have &c
(Signed) Robert S. Owen

To the Hon. M. McCune
Fifth Auditor of the Treasury.

Copy
Note on May 14, 1858, the discount on the
Naples gold coinage was $2\frac{1}{2}$ per
cent only. Now, as I have understood,
it is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 per cent only.

Copy

Respect

Am Roscoe Owen

Naples

Feb 27, 1858.

Exchange currency

✓

Copy

As with most of the other goods in
the market the price of the
above mentioned goods is high.

Depository Office, Norfolk
February 15th 1858

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt to-day
per Adams Express Co. Twenty thousand dollars
(\$20,000) in silver coin from the Mint of the U. S. at
Philadelphia.

In accordance with your request I
send you seven empty kegs & three boxes all
that I can command at present.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. T. Sawyer,
Depository

Hon. Genl. Sturgeon
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

S. T. Sawyer

Depository

Norfolk, Va.

Rec'd

Feb. 17/58

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
February 13 1858

Daniel Sturgess Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

Your Bullion account for
the 4th quarter 1857 has been received.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obdt Servt
L. A. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st. Auditor

Washington

Recd

15 Feb '58

United States Assay Office,
New York, Feb. 12, 1858.

Sir,

The final delivery of the Californian
Sweep, was made to Messrs. Sargent & Sons
on the 29th ult. The payment being, however,
not in specie but an Assay Office Receipt
then issued for a deposit by Sargent, I
could not close the account until the pay-
ment of the receipt. This having now been
effected, I am preparing my a/c. current
which, with the balance in my hands,
I shall transmit immediately. Please in-
form me whether I shall send you my
check on the Asst. Treasurer of N.Y. for
the balance, as heretofore.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.,

Saml. F. Dutton
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia.

From
Supt. Alway Office
New York

As per Receipts
to
Operations of Trust
Office.

Feb. 3. 1858

Unit of the United States

1871 E. 100

1871 E. 100
1871 E. 100
1871 E. 100

1871 E. 100
1871 E. 100
1871 E. 100

Feb 13. 8.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, in relation to the sweeps of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, and am pleased to learn that the final delivery of the same has been made to the purchaser.

You may send me your check on the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at N.Y. for the proceeds of the sweeps as in the former case.

Your favor of the 28th ult. was duly received. Be pleased to forward the statement promised therein as soon as convenient.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Henshaw
Director of the Mint.

Sam. F. Putterworth Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / FEBRUARY

PMT 1

U.S. MNT
GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE
1858
FEBRUARY
PART 2

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 10. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$ 19,769.91 in payment of invoice N^o 175.

Very Respectfully

J Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint

Wm J Geo
Treasurer

Office John Jacob
Secretary's Department

Sam

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd
11 Feb '58 }

of
Wm & Co

Lewis & Human Esq
Reading
CR

Payment of cert
certificates.

Feb 15, 1858.

Reading Pa Feb 11. 1858
Col J R Snowden.

Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

I hold mint certificates
No 1032 date Sep 23/57 and No 1250
date Oct 31/57. for fifty dollars each
payable in cents new issue. Will
it be convenient to pay these
certificates if presented
be pleased to answer and Oblige.

Yours truly &
Lewis A Munder.

Feb 13. 8

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor
of the 11th inst I have to state
that the certificates you refer to,
will be paid on presentation at
the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Lewis A. Hunter Esq,
Reading,
Pa.

Treasury Department

First Auditor's Office,

February 16th 1858

Hon Saml Sturgeon

Treasurer US Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

I Enclose herewith the
Register of Gold & Silver Bullion Transmitted
to the Mint from the Assay Office for Coinage
during the 3^d Quarter 1857, with the request
that it may be compared with the records
of the Mint and it agreeing that you will
certify to that effect on the Register

Very Respectfully
your obt^d serv^t

A. H. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st auditor

Washington

Recd

Feb 17/58

70792.99	43985.38
45,191.77	251,146.56
115,964.76	492,838.82
20,1772.95	
45,191.77	

sent Sep. 30

To The Sec. Treasury

Sending pamphlets
"Instructions, &c"

Feb 16. 1858

No. 16 8.

Sir,

I send you by this mail a few copies of instructions relative to the transactions of business at the Mint, which I have caused to be printed for convenient use and reference.

At page 9 - paragraphs 16, your instructions, as to the manner of rendering the deductions available, and of placing the same on the books of the Department, have been introduced.

I have directed that these regulations shall take effect on the 1st of March at the Mint, and the branches at New-Orleans, Sakhonega, and Charlotte, and the Army Office; and on the 1st of April at San Francisco.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Wm. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

128 Fulton St New York
3 May 1858

Dear Sir

Upon reference to my letter book of Dec 2-56 I find that the point adverted to by Col Harasythy was pretty fully replied to; and altho' that letter contained one error still it was not an error in principle but one of calculation merely.

Being now entirely out of that difficulty, it seems advisable not to voluntarily place myself in it again, especially as I have received an intimation that my testimony will be required by the Commission. If proffered before it is called for it may prejudice its own force. Notwithstanding I have prepared a letter as far as my data go & if any change of circumstances seems to make it proper I will direct & send it to you.

One item would be of advantage in completing the letter vis. The wastage of Silver in the Melters & Refiners settlements.

Pardon the appearance of this letter - It is not pencil but is an impression from colored paper & is used so that I may retain a copy
Hon J. R. Snowden
Director U S Mint
Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
C Wiegand

from

Justh + Hunter &
also from J. Nielsen

Feb. 18. 1858

SAN FRANCISCO BR. MINT

ASSAY OFFICE

OF
JUSTICE & ECONOMY

New York ~~San Francisco~~ February 18th 1858

Dear Sir!

By the enclosed advertisement which I received by the last mail, you will perceive that the branch mint in San F^{co} issues again unrefined bars. This system has been twice abandoned heretofore at the same institution.

It is needless for me to say that the issue of such bars is an encroachment upon private assayers, whose business is entirely based upon that. You know best, that, even should the issue of such bars be legal, it is impracticable. In case of any mistake that may occur, the reparation is quite impossible, as no officer or clerk can be made pecuniarily responsible from the small salary they are allowed. The great real that the officers of that institution always evince, seems to be the only reason for the renewal of that practice.

The assurances, I received during my sojourn in Washington from persons connected with the affairs of the Government to do everything to encourage private refineries and enterprise encourage me to address you on this subject, to find out if the issue of unrefined bars has your sanction or not? I am fully convinced, that you have the power to dictate the system every officer connected with the mint and its branches has to carry out.

Your strong sense and correct principles of right, are so well known to me, that I will incline myself, before your decision, should it be even contrary to our interest.

I beg to remark that we are not the only private assayers in Calif. and that others will be equally benefited by the discontinuance of the issuing of bars.

Encouraged by the kindness and indulgence you so frequently shown to me, and for which please to accept my sincere thanks, I beg you to answer this letter and return the same to San Francisco as soon as convenient. I leave here on the 20th inst. highly gratified having had the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

I am very respectf. your most obed^t serv^t

E. Smith.

To

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

SEE LETTER OF

J. WIEGAND-

MAY 3-1858

PHILA. MINT MATERIAL

Feb 20 82

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst addressed to
Dr. John L. Alden, under the misapprehension that he was
connected with the Mint, has been forwarded to
that gentleman for reply.

The act of Feb. 21. 1857, fixes the following
as the rates at which the prior coin money known as
the quarter, eighth and sixteenth of the Spanish piece of gold,
shall be received at the Treasury of the U. S. for purposes
of coinage.

Quarter 20 cents

Eighth 10 "

Sixteenth 5 "

These coins are received at the Mint at their nominal
value in exchange for the new cent coin, under the
regulations contained in the enclosed circular.
They are also purchased at the rate of 122.5 cents per

and of standard business and paper
side some of the new issues.

Key Respectfully

Yours Respectfully

Mr. Nathaniel Wilson,
Hagerstown,
Md.

Hagerstown Feb. 16th 1858.

Dr. John Allen

Dear Sir - Allow me to address you with a view of making inquiry concerning the depreciation of old Spanish coin - quarters - levis & 7ps.

Please inform me at what value they are received at the mint, and whether the law has depreciated them in value already, or if not, when the time of their depreciation occurs.

By dropping me a few lines imparting the information asked for, you will much oblige

Your humble servant
Nathaniel Shner.

Hon James Ross Snowden,

My dear Sir,

The letter above, directed to me at the Mint, Phil^a, through misapprehension on the part of the writer, who may have seen my name in connection with our recent meeting in Phil^a, I transmit to you, being unable to answer the questions propounded in it.

Very respectfully & truly,

Yours,

W. L. A.

From H.

Nathaniel Shiner

Hagerstown

Md

Picaresque for
Spanish com. art. h.
Mud

Feb 25/1858

To

S. J. Putnam Esq
Supr West House Office
N.Y.

Transmitting 12
pamphlets ¹² Instructions &

Dec 17. 1858.

Feb. 17. 8.

Sir,

I send you by this mail a few copies of a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed containing Instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint of the United States and its Branches.

It is for you that I should call your attention to the 16 paragraph (page 9) of these instructions. The mode therein stated of retaining available the deductions from deposits, was prescribed, at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury, in order that the amount of appropriations from all sources might appear on the books of the department.

These regulations will take effect at your institution on the 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel C. Spencer
Director of the Mint.

Sam. H. Patterson Esq,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
N. Y.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
February 17th 1858.

Nathaniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

At your asc of Gold
and Silver Bullion, for the 3^d Quarter, 1857, now
in process of revision in this Office, the Warrant
of the Superintendent, directing the Treasurer to pay
the value of deposit N^o. 591, July 6th 1857. J. Es-
monde Harper, Calls for \$620.⁵⁰, when the real value,
as per Calculation, is \$624.⁵⁰, at which sum it is
Carried into your "Abstract of Deposits of Gold Bullion".

If the owner of the deposit received the
latter amount, which this Office does not doubt he did,
be pleased to enclose, at an early day, his acknowl-
edgment of the same.

I am, respectfully,

Your obt. Servant,

W. M. Dill

Comptroller

From

W. Medill, Com.

Washington

Recd

18 Feb '58

Inc

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
February 20. 1858.

Naniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

I transmit herewith Director's Warrant N^o. 907, dated Sept. 28. 1857, directing payment of \$257.³⁵ to Geo. F. Heppard, being the value of deposit N^o. 907, enclosing "Mint Receipt" of same, in order that the Owner of the deposit may receipt thereon for the amount paid him.

The Director's Warrant, N^o. 896, J. L. Clayton, calls for but \$74.⁰⁰, when the Calculation (Carried into the "Abstract") shows the amount to be \$74.⁰⁸.

The recurrence of an error of the latter description will allow a reference to the subject broached in the concluding part of my letter to you of yesterday. The Regulations of the Mint and Branches make it the duty of one of the Treasurer's Clerks, to furnish the owner of a deposit (the value of which has been ascertained) with an "affay memorandum" stating the transaction in detail, at the time he re-

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gives its value in coin. — As the result arrived at in the memorandum must accord with that set forth in the Warrant of the Director, the Comparison by the Clerk of the amount of the memorandum transferred to the body of the receipt to be signed by the depositor with that specified in the Warrant cannot but detect any discrepancy that may occur, and insure its correction on the spot.

I am, Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

W. M. Felt

Comptroller,

From

W. Medill, Compt

Washington

Rec'd
22 Feb '58

Yours, respectfully,

W. W. Medill

Capital

Hall of M^d Institute

Baltimore 19 Feb 1858

My dear Sir

The School of design of the M^d Institute awards to its graduates at the close of each scholastic year bronze medals. For that purpose the Institute will require thirty medals of Bronze made in the die in which the silver medals were made - that is the larger one. You greatly obliged the Institute in this way on a former occasion! Will you add thereto another obligation by having the thirty bronze medals made? We would like to have them finished by the 8th of March if possible.

Please advise and gratify

Your Friend & Obedient Servant

Orpha Vansant Pres^t
M.I.

Col J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Phil^a

From H
Hon Joshua Vansant
Baltimore
Md

Medals for M. A. L. S.

Feb. 22. 1858.

Feb 22.

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Dear Sir,

Your favor of the
19th inst has been received.

I will cause the medals
You desire to be made and forwarded
to you in the course of a few days.

Very Respectfully,

Your friend & ob^t serv^t,

Samuel R. Chace,
Director of the Mint.

Am Joshua Bancroft,
Pres. Maryland Institute,
Baltimore,
Md.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 19. 1858

Sir

I enclose herewith statement of
Silver invoice N^o 176 transmitted yesterday.
Net value \$59,741.88 Contains gold Net \$39.57
for which I will thank you to return for the
former, \$40000 in half dollars, \$16,741.88 in
quarters, and \$3000 in three cent pieces, and Gold
Coins for the latter.

Very Respectfully,

D Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U S Mint

John J. McCoy
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
N. York

Rec'd

Feb. 20/58.

Feb. 14. 8.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of to-day transmitting the proceedings of the recent Board of assay Commissioners, I have deemed it proper to send in a separate form, a copy of the resolutions of the Board recommending the establishment of a trial department at the Mint, and some verbal changes in the exposition of weights used in the laws relating to the Coinage.

These resolutions are herewith enclosed - you will please lay before the President in compliance with the request of the assay Commissioners.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

your faithful servant,

Hon. Horatio Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

I will write to the Dept in a few days

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Resolutions
adopted by Assay
Commissioners

Oct 19, 1858.

FEB. 19, 1858

To
S^{rs}
Secty Treasury

Transmitting Proceedings
of Annual Assay &
Certificate of Assay
Commission.

Feb. 19. 1858

1858

Feb. 19 8.

is,

I send herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Assay Commission, who met at the Mint on the 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th inst.

On an examination of the proceedings of the Board it will be seen that all the results were adjudged to be satisfactory, except that it was ascertained that one of the gold dollars, coined at the branch mint at Charlotte, was not properly adjusted as to weight, and that the deviation from the legal standard was greater than is allowed by the law. The Commission in compliance with the 32nd section of the General Mint Law have declared this fact to the President of the United States in a certificate which I enclose, and which I have to request that you will lay before him.

In the section referred to it is

inacted, that "such examination shall be made of the reserved pieces as shall be judged sufficient; and if it shall appear that these pieces do not differ from the Standard pieces and weight by a greater quantity than is allowed by law, the trial shall be considered as satisfactory and satisfactory but if any greater deviation from the legal standard in weight shall appear the fact shall be certified to the President of the United States, and if, on a view of the circumstances of the case, he shall so decide, the officer or officers implicated in the error shall be thenceforward disqualified from holding their respective offices."

The Coiner to prepare the Coin of the proper weight, and also of the Manner (Sec. 26. of the Mint Law) to see that the Coin delivered to him is within the legal limits of the standard weight. The officers therefore that may be implicated in the error, are the Coiner.

Emmott Graham Esq and the Treasurer,
(who is also the Superintendent) G. W.
Caldwell Esq!

The standard weight of the gold dollar is 25.8 grains; the law however tolerates a variance of one quarter of a grain (.25 of a grain); in other words the coin may weigh 24.55 grains as the lower limit, and must not rise above 26.05 grains; but the gold dollar in question weighs 26.125 grains, which is .075 of a grain (about $\frac{1}{16}$ of a grain) beyond the legal limit.

Whilst the importance of maintaining a proper adjustment of the coin cannot be too highly stated, it is due to the officers of that branch of the mint that it should be noted, that the weight of the coin removed taken in the aggregate is very nearly the standard weight. The value of the removed coin is \$225; the ^{standard} legal weight of which is 12.255; the actual weight was found to be 12.253; that is to say, two thousandths of an ounce below

the standard weight. This deviation is within the legal limits. From which it is evident that the officers have substantially conformed to the standard, and that the variation in the weight of the single piece may be regarded as accidental.

If the President thereof "on a review of the circumstances of the case" consider the person as one not requiring his action, I will deem it proper to direct the special attention of the officers of the branch mint to the subject, and to request a statement from them; and, as their balances and weights may not be accurately adjusted, I may find it necessary to prepare and furnish to that branch one or more new balances with weights accurately adjusted by our standards.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

me
Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.
February 19th 1858.

Manuel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

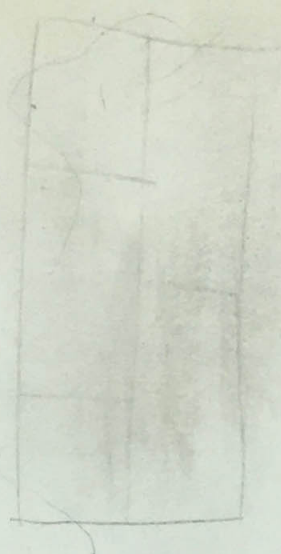
The calculation to ascertain the value of Deposit of Gold Bullion, N^o 853, September 10th 1857, Caspar Bobb, makes it worth \$196.⁷⁴, which amount is carried into your abstract of "Deposits of Gold Bullion," while the Director's warrant calls for only \$196.⁵⁴. — Be pleased to have the acknowledgment of the owner of the deposit accords with said calculation, if the amt thereof was paid him; which this office presumes to be the fact.

In view of error of the description asked to be corrected in the foregoing, it is submitted whether the statement of the value of the deposit in the body of the receipt to be signed by the owner would not be advisable. — You will please call the attention of the Director to the matter.

I am, respectfully,

Your obt. Servant

W. M. Rice
Comptroller



From

W. Medill, Comp

(Washington)

Rec'd

22 Feb '58

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 18, 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt of the
Adams Express Company for Twenty Four boxes
Silver button weighing 48,117 ⁵⁶/₁₀₀ ounces Gross.
Statement of which I will forward by tomorrow's
mail.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Wood
Treasurer

From

J. J. Ciss, May

New York

Recd

Dec 19/58

No. 176

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,

24 " " 48,017 ⁵⁶/₁₀₀ Silver "

#43 @ 1/6 Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ _____

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 18 1858

Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing com and
Fuller's Statement

Feb. 20. 1858.

Feb 20. 8

Sir.

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount,
and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and
the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business today.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Genl Perkins Esq
Chm Committee
South Danvers
Mass.

Transmitting 30 Silver
Medals & 1 Bill
therefor

Feb 20. 1858.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Feb 20 1878.

Sir,

I send you to day per Adams Express Co.
the 30 silver "Peabody Medals" requested in your letter
of the 10th inst.

It is proper that I should inform you
that the die for the "Peabody Medals" is broken and
broken in several places in the body, and could not be
used to strike a bronze medal with.

The die could be repaired by the person
who made it (Jesse Mitchell of Boston) without much
expense.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Newman.
Director of the Mint.

Benj. A. Perkins Esq.,
Chairman School Committee,
South Danvers,
Mass.

Feb 20. 8

Benj. L. Perkins Esq.
Ch^r. Sch^l. Com^{tee}.
South Darius, Mass.

To Medal Fund U. S. Mint D.
For 30 Silver "Peabody Medals" @ \$3 \$90.00

Dear Sir,

You will please pay the above
bill to the Adams Express Co.

Y^{rs} oblige
Sam^l Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Benj. L. Perkins Esq.
Chairman School Committee,
South Darius,
Mass.

Inc

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
February 23^d 1838.

David Sturgis, Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Repleased to obtain the re-
ceipt of the owner for value of Silver purchase N.º 706,
R. Manly, July 8th 1837, the "Mint Receipt" therefor, and
Warrant of the Director, being enclosed herewith.

I Am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servant.
W. M. Edie
Comptroller.

Prof

W. Medill, Esq

Washington

Recd

25 Feb '58

Treasury of the United States
23 February 1858

Sir

For enclosed Transfer Draft No 4919. please
send the Amount \$200.000. - in half dollars, if
you can.

Very respectfully
Yours etc etc
Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

Genl. Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

S. Casey, Treas^r

Washington

Rec'd

25 Feb '58

[Signature]

H. S. LANSING,
Manager.

OFFICE OF THE
American-European Express & Exchange Co.,
No. 72 BROADWAY.

New-York, Sept 22 1858

W. W. Snowden
W. F. Mint
Sir

We have advised the
arrival per Steamer Africa of one
case to your address, please send
us the necessary papers to pass them
through the Custom House, please
send necessary papers for the case
per Europa & we will forward
them with dispatch

Yours
H. S. Lansing
Manager
per W. M. Brewster

H. S. LANSING,
Manager.

OFFICE OF THE
American-European Express & Exchange Co.,
No. 72 BROADWAY.

New-York, 1858

Dept U. S. Mint
Sir

On the 23rd January
I add a letter to you stating
that a case for the mint
had been consigned to us by
Hamer Europe requested you
to send the necessary papers to
pass it through the Custom House
since which time we have heard
nothing. Please send them &
thrice

Yours
H S Lansing's
Manager
Per W W Badger

Of
Wm Am. European & Co.
N. Y.

Respecting Packages
re: Africa to
Europe for the
Unit

Feb 24. 1858

Boston Feb 22. 1858

To Col Snowden Director
of the U. S. Mint.

My Dear Sir.

At the request
of Genl. Fighman Pres^t of the
U. S. Agricultural Society
I have requested Messrs Mor-
-gan & Co^s ^{461. Callow hill St} to send to you the
Dies which they have in pro-
cess of hardening and from
which it is intended impres-
-sions in gold & silver medals
shall be made for said asso-
-ciation. Col. Johnson of At-
-lany informs me that he has
consultation with in relation
to the same some few weeks
since. As soon as you receive
these will you be so good as
to give us the estimate of the

Cost of the Medals in Gold, Silver
and bronze. There will be
wanted at 3 Gold, about 50
Silver & 40 in bronze. We
want them made as thin as
they can be (especially the gold
medals) with a due regard
to respectability. The fact is
our Society's funds are small
and we are obliged to econo-
-mize. Pardon me for this
explanation, but as we are
working without pay for
the public good, we feel that
we may with propriety ask
you to give them to us at
as low a rate as possible.
Will you please send your es-
-timate to Gen. Tenck Fishman
Oxford Maryland.

Yours with great regard
Marshall P. Wilder
Ex Post U.S. ag. 500

of
Mm

M P Wilson Esq
Ex-Res. U. S. A. S.
Posta

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Mon 5.1858.

UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

United States Assay Office
New-York, Feb. 23, 1858.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., and also of the printed pamphlets containing "Instructions relative to the transaction of business". I shall comply with your directions by enforcing these instructions at this Office on and after the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,

Your obl. servt.,

D. F. Patterson

Supy

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philad^a. }

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mm

Supr U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

Act: Recapt of
Instructions

Feb 24. 1858.

Philadelphia
72
New York Feb. 23^d 1858

Dear Sir,

In complaint You made about the Nickel, we furnished You with one forwarded to Europe and received the following answer:

"We have made an analysis of the Nickel sent to You and find it to contain 94% Nickel 3, 2 Copper and the balance other ingredients. We generally warrant our Nickel 97%, will furnish it so in future and then make the Allowance on this, which unfortunately was not as pure as it ought to have been. We hope that 97% Nickel is the article to suit Your purpose and should be happy to receive Your Orders for the same, would of course warrant 97% and make the Allowance for any difference, trusting however that there shall not be any occasion for doing so hereafter. The Allowance we are promised on the first lot we will pass to Your credit or remit to You as soon as we get it ourselves; whether You give us any further Orders or not.

In hope to be soon favored with renewed Orders from You, we remain

Yours

very Respectfully

Robert Bell

arm & Co

Wm Ruhl Donkell 180
N.Y.

Rickel

Feb 25, 1888

Feb 25, 8.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your favor of the 23d
inst.

As we have now an
ample supply of Nickel on hand
we do not wish to order any at
present.

If I should hereafter
desire ^{inspection} any of the articles in question,
your offer will receive a fair con-
sideration.

Very Respectfully,
Sam. R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Thos. R. H. Co. & Co. 112
New York 3

FEB. 24, 1858

of
Wm L. G.
James P. James
Buck
M.A.

Exchange for
ten cents

Jul 20, 1855.

Balto. Feb 24th 58

Sir:-

I desire to obtain 1000, or
2000 New Cents: can I get them
immediately by forwarding old
coppers, or Philad. Bank notes?

An answer will

Oblige

Jas. P. Frames

JAS. P. FRAMES & BRO., Apothecaries,

(LATE MOORE & FRAMES,)

Corner Aisquith and Monument Streets, Balt.

Feb 27 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to state that if you forward old U. S. copper cents to the Mint a corresponding amount will be returned to you in cents of the new issue.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

James P. Francis Esq.,
Baltimore.
Md.

Treasury, Lieutenant

Feb 23^d 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose a letter of this date
from the Treasury with the quarter dollar
therein referred to, and will thank you
for an explanation of the facts concerning
its want of the proper weight.

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,

Wm. Lobb
Secretary of Treasury

Wm. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Plaza.

From S. L. P.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

In relation to defective
quarter dollar piece
Report of Chief Coiner
respecting the same
enclosed.

Feb 26. 1858.

Treasury of the United States
23 February 1858

Sir

The piece herewith, representing a quarter of a dollar, was received here with a Transfer of Silver Coins from the U. S. Mint. It is 1 ctwt 24 grs light.

It may be one of a lot accidentally cut from a dime plate, or otherwise. I transmit it for your judgment and such action as you may deem proper.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

Hon^{ble} Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury

Feb 26 5.

I have received your favor of the 23rd inst, enclosing a defective quarter dollar and the note from the Treasurer of the United States respecting it.

I have examined into the subject and find the piece was cut from the end of the strip which is much thinner than the size required for the coin, and is not intended to be cut into blanks or planchets. As an explanation on this point I send herewith a report on the subject from the Chief Coiner.

It is somewhat remarkable that this piece should have passed through the various operations of Coinage. But the order, which I directed - referred to by the Coiner, to cut off the ends of the strips before being carried to the cutting press, will effectually prevent

The sentence of death on the Union
promise to see to it that this
is strictly enforced.

Yours faithfully,
James Smith, Jr.
Director of the Union

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Chief Coin. is Department
Mint of the United States
Feb 25th 1858.

Dear Sir

I have this morning received your note enclosing a letter from the Sec^y of the Treas^y in relation to a defective Quarter Dollar, which was exhibited to me, asking an explanation concerning its want of proper weight.

In answer I respectfully submit that all Ingots of Bullion received by me for Coinage, are rolled out into strips. One end of each strip is pointed or made thin, to enable the jaws of the drawtongs to take hold of, and carry the strip through the jaws of the draw plate, thus adjusting and equalizing the thickness of the body of the strip. If in cutting Planchets from the strips, the workman should carefully cut a piece too close upon the thinned point of the strip, a piece or planchet would be produced similar to that returned by the Department. Such a piece is called a point. Upon the piece in question you may observe the marks of the teeth of the tongs of the draw-bench. Should the Cutter inadvertently allow such a piece to be cut, and become mingled among the mass of work, its presence would almost in all instances be detected in the subsequent operations of the coinage, or at the Counting board. If not detected by the eye, the difference in the sound or ring of such a piece, from that of one of standard weight, is readily distinguishable by an experienced workman.

I beg to observe, that I have always cautioned the Cutters to carefully avoid cutting too close upon the thin point of the strip and if they should discover that they had done so, to take out the defective piece, once, examine the Box of Planchets and take out the defective piece.

In view however of the fact of this piece finding its way through all the operations of Coinage without detection, and of the fact, that even the best cutters, will sometimes force a strip through the cutting press, mechanically, while their attention is momentarily diverted by some object around them; it would perhaps be advisable to cut the points off of each strip after proving the strip. This course has never heretofore been deemed necessary, and while it would be attended with a trifling additional labor, and a small diminution of the amount of coin produced from the Bullion; would, on the other hand, be an effectual guard against the recurrence of the issue of a defective piece such as the one exhibited by the Secretary of the Treasury. I have in fact already ordered, that this course be pursued and shall in future see that it is strictly adhered to.

Yours Very Resp^{tly}

Wm. H. Chase
Chief Coiner

W. H. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
February 24. 1858.

Sir

It will be necessary, in a few days to transfer one or two hundred thousand dollars from the Treasurer of the Mint to the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia to enable him to meet drafts to be drawn on him. I have therefore, to urge upon you the necessity of causing the Bullion on hand to be coined as rapidly as practicable.

It appears from the last statement received that there is on hand at the Mint over \$90,000 in gold Coins which will be, also, drawn for unless there be an insuperable objection to that course.

I am very Res^t

Wm Will Cobb

Sec of the Treasury.

J. N. Snowden Esq,

Director of the Mint
Philad^a

To
From & To
Sec Treasury
Washington

Receipts Comage of
Bullion on hand
of
Expense of Seignorage

on gold and silver

Comage for year
1857 to Treasury
of the U.S.

Am't. \$66,445.61

of
M 25, 1857.

Feb. 25. 8.

Sir,

I will cause the coinage of the larger denominations of silver to go forward as rapidly as possible, and will be prepared to transfer such amount in silver coin from the Mint to the Assistant Treasury here as you may direct referring to your letter of the 24th inst.

The gold coins to which you refer are applicable to the payment of gold bullion deposited by private persons (the amount due them is about \$94,000) But there is due to the Treasury of the U. States the sum of \$66,445.61, being the seignorage on the gold and silver coinage for 1857. This sum I have caused to be paid into the Office of the Assistant Treasurer here, pursuant to the 34 & 36th sections of the Act of Feb 21. 1853. And as it is probable a portion of the amount due to private depositors may be uncalled for for some days, I have directed that the above amount be paid in gold coins. This sum therefore viz: \$66,445.61, is subject to

Your draft and will be payable in gold.

The certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of
the U.S. is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James A. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington City.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
February 25, 1858.

Wm. L. Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer Mint No. 1,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

I enclose herewith pay
Roll of Workmen in Chief Coiners Department, and bill
of J. P. Cooper, for tickets, \$16.25, Petty expenses (both in
Cent Coins &c.). In the first, the payment to G. Mull-
holland is not witnessed, he having made a mark (X),
and the second is receipted by "M. W. M." for J. P. Cooper,
which receipt is not recognized.

I am, Respectfully,

Yours obt. servant,

W. M. M.
Comptroller

From

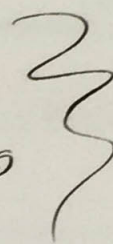
W. Medill

Compt

Washington

Recd

26 Feb '58



Mint of the U. States.
Phila Feb. 25, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I have you
a letter from the Department
respecting a defective Quarter
dollar: and with thanks you
for such explanation as the
subject as you may be
able to present,

Yours very Respectfully

J. R. Chenden
Director.

Geo. K. Childs Esq
chief Coiner.)
U. S. Mint.

To, Geo R. Childs Esq
Chief Clerk U. S. Mint

Requesting explanation
of defective
quarter dollar
returned by the
Department

Feb 28 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 24, 1858.

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst addressed to
Dr John L. Allen has been sent to me by that gentleman
for reply.

^{1st section of the}
The Act of February 21, 1857 fixes the
following valuation of the prices commonly known
as the quarter, eighth, ~~of~~ and sixteenth

of
to

Secretary of the Treasury

Requesting order for
Admission to free entry
of a can for New
Africa containing an
an Assay & Balance
for the use of the Mint

Feb 24/38

Treasury Department,
February 25. 1858

Sir:

The Collector of Customs at New York has this day been instructed to admit, free of duty and charges, and unopened, the case referred to in your letter of the 24th instant.

I am, Very Resp^y

Wm. Lobb
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

From the Sec Treasury
Washington City

Admission to per
entry of packages
for Africa.

Feb 27, 1855

Feb 24. 8.

Sir,

I have been advised of the arrival, at the Port of New York, per Steamer Africa, of a case containing an assay balance ordered by me from London a few months since for the use of the Mint. As this instrument is of very delicate construction and might be seriously injured by being opened prior to its arrival at the Mint, I will thank You to send me an order on the Collector at New York for the delivery of the same unopened and its admission to free entry.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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 48 \overline{) 1595} \quad (12 \frac{1}{2}) \\
 \underline{48} \\
 115 \\
 \underline{96} \\
 19 \\
 \underline{48} \\
 48
 \end{array}$$

The mark on the Macintosh
die is worn out

To
Hon Joshua Vansant
Pres. & t
Dact.
Mq

Transmit Manus

Feb 27, 1856

Feb 27. 8

Dear Sir,

I send you to day per Adams Express Co.
the 30 bronzed medals requested in your favor of
the 19th inst.

It is proper that I should state that
the reverse of the larger medal die of your
institute, is so much worn that, it is difficult to
get a fair impression of the wreath on the medals.
If placed in the hands of a die sinker it could
be restored without much expense.

Very Respectfully, J. L. Lacy,
James R. R. R. R. R.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Joshua Vassant
Pres. Maryland Institute,
Balt.
Md.

Feb 26. 8.

Hon Joshua Faneuil,

President Maryland Inst.

Baltimore Md.

To Medals Fund U.S. Mint &c

For 30 Bronze Medals @ 50¢ \$15.00

Dear Sir,

You will please pay to the
Adams Express Co. the amount of
the above bill on the delivery
of the medals charged therein.

Very Respectfully Truly,

Samuel R. Johnson,

Director of the Mint

Hon Joshua Faneuil,

Post. &c Baltimore,

Md.

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

DATE of WORKING.	DESCRIPTION.	INGOTS.	WASTAGE.								TOTAL WASTAGE.	RATE IN THOUS'S.		
			ROLLING and ANNEALING.		CUTTING and WASHING.		ADJUSTING, ASSORTING and MILLING.		CLEANING.				COINING.	
			oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.		dec.	oz.
185-8 <u>Gold.</u>														
Feb'y. 10.	Dble Eagle	3778 80		0 08		0 07		0 13		0 06		0 00		0 34
" 12	" "	1982 80		0 03		0 16		0 00		0 05		0 00		0 24
" 16	" "	1646 15		0 00		0 13		0 05		0 03		0 00		0 21
" 24	2tr	1375 75		0 00		0 15		0 36		0 04		0 00		0 65.
		5783 50												3 144 mo. 16
<u>Silver.</u>														
Feb'y 1	Half Dollar	81710 300		2 10		1 00		0 00		5 50		0 00		8 600
" 6	" "	64749 000		5 20		0 30		0 00		18 60		0 00		13 700
" 9	" "	62194 500		7 40		2 80		0 00		16 20		0 00		26 400
" 10	" "	54599 100		1 80		4 20		0 00		11 60		0 00		17 600
" 16	" "	85260 000		0 90		4 10		1 00		19 30		0 00		23 300
" 24	2tr	119246 700		5 60		4 05		0 00		29 05		0 00		39 300
" 26	" "	28266 400		3 50		0 70		0 00		3 50		0 00		7 700
" "	Half Dollar	32900 100		8 60		1 30		0 00		9 90		0 00		2 600
" 12		528926 100												139200
" 12	Half dollar	80507 000		5 00		6 00		0 00		18 00		0 00		29 000
		609433 100												168200 mo. 28

To

I Rozo Snowden Esq
treasr. U.S. Mint

The Gold working for February has been small and the item of loss in the adjusting of 2tr Eagles 30.36 is heavy. It in a great measure occasions the increase of per centage of loss for the month.

The decrease of per centage of loss in the silver is due to the return of unfinished material. Strips Planchets &c to the Treasurer upon discovering that it was not fit for coinage -

Charles S Lincoln
for Chief Coiner

Return of Wastage

— in —

Chief Clerk's Department

— for —

February 1858

U.S. MINT GOVERNMENT
CORRESPONDENCE 1858
FEBRUARY 1858

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/MARCH

part 1

For the reply to the Secy Treasury.

This is the first opportunity we have had of testing the new Austrian florin. We are daily in the expectation of receiving a piece or two by private hand, which can also be tested, but in the meantime offer a report upon the piece furnished by the Department.

Agreeably to the elaborate & valuable statement supplied by Consul Rernak of Trieste, to the First Comptroller, May 1859, (a copy of which has been obligingly sent us) the new Austrian florin, by the Imperial Decree of April 27, 1858, is to be coined at the rate of 45 pieces to the "Zollpfund" (or new commercial pound of Germany) of fine silver, but to be alloyed to nine-tenths fine. Consequently the legal weight should be 0.397 ounce troy, or $190\frac{5}{9}$ grains. The piece under examination corresponds very closely with this weight. In respect to fineness, it shows by two assays $898\frac{3}{4}$ thousandths;

which is sufficiently near to the professed standard, to show a fair intention, and in the absence of more pieces to operate upon, we think it right to predicate the valuation upon the legal weight and fineness. At the price now paid by the Mint, ^{for} ~~on~~ silver, ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ silver, the ^{new} florin is worth 48 cents, as near as may be. And this corresponds perfectly with our printed report upon the new Union-dollar of the German States (including Austria) which is 72 cents, and which is intended to be equal to one and a half Austrian florins.

It is evident therefore that the U. S. Consuls and other functionaries in the Austrian Empire, should be promptly relieved from the embarrassment which arises from the old valuation of 51.2 cents, which is now erroneous from two causes; first from the reduction of ^{our} Mint price of silver, and secondly from the change of standards in Austria.

The letter of the Secretary calls for a

gold as well as silver valuation, of the
piece in question. This however revives the
difficulty which constantly presses us, from
the obscurity of the present law of coinage,
and from the want of legal adjudication
upon it. We pay for silver, in silver, not
in gold; and we pay in small coins (less
than the dollar) which are not only over-
valued, but are not even a legal tender
beyond five dollars. If the silver dollar and
gold dollar are legally equivalent, then the
silver florin is worth ~~at the Mint~~ 46.2 cents.
But if the Mint price be the criterion, then
it is worth 48 cents. Practically, & commercially,
this latter would be the true valuation, both
in gold and in silver.

Herewith is returned 50 cents, for the piece
used.

To Secy. Treasury
Relative to testing the
new Austrian Flour

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.,
Director of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia -
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiner, Office, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia March 31. 1858

I respectfully beg leave to report that the duties of the operatives for the past month, in the Rolling, Cutting, Blotting, Coining, and other departments under my immediate care, have been attended to with their usual punctuality and despatch.

Permit me to invite your attention to the disadvantage we labor under in the Machine Shop for grinding the hardened pins, used at the Coining presses. The plan we are compelled to adopt in grinding such work is very injurious to certain tools, which we are obliged to use for that purpose. After the work is once hardened there is no other way to get it true, but by grinding. The cost of a machine for the above purpose would be nearly \$250.-

I would again call your attention to the suggestion, made sometime since, as to the propriety of having an assistant Blacksmith. In the absence of Mr. A. Hackett ^{from} by Dickner, or otherwise, we are considerably inconvenienced, and the delay so great that Mr. Canby can hardly keep his men employed for the want of forging; in fact we are suffering very much in account of the disappointments in that department. No work has been done there since last Friday noon, in consequence, I suppose of Dickner.

Report
Cheryl Comin
March 1888.

Chief Engineer's Department

March. 29th 1858.

Dear Sir.

I have prepared and
handed to Mr Patterson my monthly
statement of the time of the hands in
this department.

The only absence unexcused or
without permission is that of

Andrew Hockett absent. 4 days.

the following overtime has been made.

John Birker	2 1/2	Repairing Engine.
Mc Gram	3 "	
Mitchell	4 "	
Taws	4 "	
Yeager	5 "	
Kensil	7 "	
Smith	2 "	
van horn	5 "	

Johnson	12 "	Engineers & Firemen
Lawrence H	12 "	
Slaw Ges	12 "	
Carrigan	2 "	
Hutchinson	2 "	
Mullen	2 "	
O'Donald	12 "	

Very Respy Gtobly

To J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director.

Charles S Lincoln
for Chief Engineer

Ferry 1154

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Duplicate

United States Mint

To The Adams Express Co D

1858. For Transportation in Silver Bullion

March 4 - 9	Boxes from J. J. Keise	New York	20,385.33 @ 150	\$m - 30.57
" 12	Keys to	Do Do	59,781.45 @	" " 89.67
8 - 4	" "	Do Do	20,385.33 @	" " 30.57
" 5	" "	S. Carey Washington	25,000.00 @ 225	56.25
10 5	" "	Do Do	25,000.00 @	56.25
23 21	Boxes from J. J. Keise	N. York	49,589.81 @ 150	74.38
25 50	" to	Do Do	49,489.81 @	" 74.23
				<u>\$ 411.92</u>

March 30, 1858

Re D Payt

Correct:

Adams Express Company
R. Patterson }
Treas^r Bell } for R. W. Luccombe, Sup't

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

DATE of WORKING.	DESCRIPTION.	INGOTS.		WASTAGE.										TOTAL WASTAGE.		RATE IN THOUS'S.
		oz.	dec.	ROLLING and ANNEALING.		CUTTING and WASHING.		ADJUSTING, ASSORTING and MILLING.		CLEANING.		COINING.		oz.	dec.	
1858																
Gold																
March 2 ^d	Dble Eagle	2404	10	0	00	0	09	0	37	0	06	0	00	0	52	
" 6 th	"	1277	05	0	03	0	00	0	03	0	03	0	00	0	09	
" 13 th	"	2610	85	0	14	0	04	0	11	0	06	0	00	0	38	
" 18 th	"	6659	80	0	11	0	29	0	06	0	14	0	00	0	60	
" 20 th	"	5173	85	0	13	0	03	0	10	0	10	0	00	0	36	
" 24 th	"	2435	65	0	08	0	03	0	09	0	05	0	00	0	25	
" 26 th	"	1953	60	0	15	0	08	0	13	0	04	0	00	0	40	
		22514	90											13 257		PH. 0.11.
Silver:																
March 1	Half Dollar	99708	200	9	900	6	400	0	000	21	700	0	000	38	000	
" 2	"	53213	300	7	800	2	200	0	000	6	900	0	000	17	000	
" 5	"	131936	800	7	500	Silver dirty returned to Treasurer										7500
" 10	"	71319	000	4	450	7	440	0	000	29	000	0	000	31	960	
" 15	"	29629	400	3	900	5	400	0	050	11	200	0	000	12	750	
" 16	"	44839	500	3	000	5	800	0	500	20	100	0	000	23	400	
" 17	"	82454	300	10	600	12	100	0	150	28	900	0	000	30	550	
" 19	"	88690	500	11	750	10	100	0	000	32	500	0	000	30	850	
" 24	"	81041	300	12	000	8	500	4	500	30	250	0	000	22	250	
" 30	"	74091	100	11	500	10	300	1	900	22	000	0	000	22	700	
		756923	400											23 6960		PH. 0.30.

Return of Wastage

— in —

Chief Clerk's Department

— for —

March 1858

MAR. 31, 1858

To Sec Treasury

March Monthly
Examination

March 31, 1858.

March 31, 8.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint viz:

In gold coins	\$ 17.834
" Silver coins	317,014.14
" New cents	533.06
" Ordinary Fund	10,034.15
" Repair Fund	24.59
" B. & B. Fund	18.66
Total	<u>\$345,458.60</u>

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

The balance in the hands of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at the same time, was found to be \$547,718.49, in gold and silver.

coins, agreeing with the account books in his office!

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with fidelity and care, and a proper attention alike to the interests of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
Samuel R. Bowdler
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

MAR. 30, 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 30, 1858.

To the Treasury

Enclosing Com
And Return Statement

March 30, 1856.

Mar. 30. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the
Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the
bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint,

per H. R. Linderman

Director of the B. & O.

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

1924

With sentiments of respect

John McAllister 3

March 29. 1858

48/6/2000

From

Jno McAllister

March 29/58

WILLIAM CLARK, PRES'T. }
C. L. ALVORD, CASH'R. }

SALT SPRINGS' BANK,

Syracuse,

Nov 24 1858

To the Hon Director of the U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

On the 18th of last June we forwarded by the American Express Co \$50 in Spanish coin to your Mint to be exchanged for the New Cent, then being coined since which time we have heard nothing from the package sent. I have called on the Express Co and they say the package was delivered to the Mint. Will you have the kindness to say whether the package was received by you? If it has and you have not the New Cent to return for it please forward its equivalent in larger coin

C. L. Alvord

Cash

I have no account of money from this
party give no date from C. L. Co
I have will true it up Harrison

From To
Salt Springs Bank
Syracuse
New York

Respecting a
deposit sent by express
but not received
at the Mint

March 29, 1858.

March 29. 8.

Sir,

In reply to Your favor of the 24th inst I have to state that the Spanish coin therein referred to have not been received at the Mint. The Express Co. by which the coin was forwarded may probably be able to trace up the package.

Very Respectfully,

James B. Thompson
Director of the Mint.

C. L. Alvord Esq.,
Cash. West Springs Park,
Syracuse,
New York

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 27. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 26th instant; also of
\$48,449.37 in payment of invoice N: 180.
viz: Gold Coins \$25,914.99 and Check of Mr
Butterworth on Assistant Treasurer at N.Y. for
\$24,564.38

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cited, Tracy

New York

Rec'd

29 Mar '58

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Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

March 26. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$ 49,589.81 in Silver coins by The Adams Express
Company in payment of invoice N° 181.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Cress
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Cress
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd

Mar 27/58

Treasury Department
March 26. 1858

Sir

Your favor of yesterday
has been received. Have the goodness to
return Mr. Kellogg's communication - that it
may be replied to by the Department.

I am very Resp^t.

Wm. Lobb

Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Mowden
Director of Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm H
Sec Treasury

Communication of
Mr Kellogg requested
to be returned. - enclosed

March 27, 1857.

March 27. 8.

Sir,

By an accidental oversight the communication of Mr. Kellogg in relation to the issue of unpaired gold bars by the Branch Mint, San Francisco, was omitted to be returned in my letter of the 20th inst, and is now enclosed in compliance with Your letter of yesterday.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden

Director of the Mint.

Wm. A. Brownell, Esq.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

New York
Mar 24. 1858
Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer - }
U.S. Mint - }
Philadelphia.
D. C.

Enclosed
is your receipt to Mr
O. J. Terry - proceeds of
which please remit
by apt to our order

& greatly oblig'
Yours attn
Duly

Strong Admin & Co
103 Liberty St

From

Strong, Adriaen &

New York

Recd

Mar 26/58

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

MAR. 26, 1858

To. J. L. Smith Esq
Prof Auditor
Washington

Certificates Made
Fund are transmitted

March 26, 1888.

Adjusting Balance for Dr. Mait-Charlotte

March 26, 8.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 11th inst. I transmit herewith certificates from the proper Officers of the several Institutions, for which medals were made, during the 4th quarter of 1857, that the amounts specified in the account current transmitted on the 25th of January last, were paid by them for the medals furnished as therein stated.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient servant.

James R. Hendley
Director of the Mint.

B. L. Smith Esq.
First Auditor,
Washington City.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

March 24. 1858

Sir

I am in receipt this morning by the
Adams Express Company, of \$20000. in gold Coins.
for balance of invoice N^o 179.

I will thank you to
substitute \$100. in the new Cent Coin, for other coins
requested, in the payment of invoice N^o 181.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt^l Serv^t

D Sturgeon & Co.
Trans^{rs} W.S. Mint

Wm. J. Chase
Treasurer

From

San Francisco Trees
New York March 24 1858

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

March 24th 1858

Mon Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day
received your letter of the 23rd inst. Encl-
-ing Silver warrant No 1406.

Your Bullion acc for the
4th Quarter of 1857 has this day been
reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury
for his action thereon.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt.

J. L. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st. And

Washington

Recd

Mar 25/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

March 22. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and statement enclosed
I have this day forwarded by The Adams
Express Company twenty one boxes Silver bullion
weighing 40 316.49 ozs net value \$ 49,589.81
for which I will thank you to return, (within
the quarter if possible) \$ 10,000. in half dollars,
\$ 20,000 in Quarters, \$ 5,000. in dimes, and
\$ 14 589.81 in half dimes.

Very Respectfully

J. M. J. C. W. Co.
Treasurer

W. Sturgeon Esq
Quas. & S. Mint

10,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
20,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
5,000 d
14,489.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
100 d

49,589.81

From

Pro. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd

Mar. 23/58

No. 181

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
21 " " 403.649 Ozs Silver "

Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 49 589.81

Forty nine thousand, five hundred
& Eighty nine ⁸¹/₁₀₀which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 22 1858

Adams Express Co. J. Parker

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

March 23. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$81,782.63 in Gold Coins by the Adams Express
Company, on ac of invoice N^o 179.

D. Sturgison Esq
Inspector U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. C. McKee
Treasurer

Funny

J. J. Cissel, Treas

New York

Rec'd {
Mar 24/58 }

MAR. 22, 1858

Buckus Mills March 22. 1858

J. R. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 20. has just been recd - asking for your
use a Certificate which I send - I know of the work having
been done - which you say R. C. Walker paid for - so that
the transaction has not before come to my account & this
will but give me knowledge of its payment - hope all
may be satisfactory to you -

Very respectfully

Your friend

Geo. V. Barker

From
Geo H. Tucker Esq
Cincinnati O.
Pa

Receipt money
paid for exhibiting
medals. —

March 25. 1858.

MAR. 22, 1858

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

1878

Amos Dale

Amos Dale

Amos Dale

Amos Dale

is received with pleasure

Amos Dale

No more need of you in old time
which we have no more to get
with you to keep
and if you will give the same

Exchange
old time

Amos Dale

March 23, 1878

March 25. 8.

Dear Sir,

In reply, to your
favor of the 22nd inst I
have to state that if you send
the old U. S. cents referred to
to the Mint, a corresponding
amount will be returned to
you in cents of the new issue.

Very Respectfully,

S. R. Snowden,

Director of the Mint.

S. D. Ward & Co.,
Cash^r. Hinesdale Bank,
Hinesdale,
N. Y.

MAR. 22, 1858

From To
W. H. Waldbury Esq
Banker
Adrian
Mich

Respectfully
deposits for new
cents.

March 29. 1858.

Bidwell's Exchange Bank.

W. H. WALDBY, BANKER.

Oldest established Banking House in Southern Michigan.

Adrian, Michigan, March 22 1858.

Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia
Dear Sir:

Having recd
today from Mint \$125. in new
cents, and remembering a short
time ago that the Express Co
had somewhat mixed matters up
I enclose herewith a statement
of Spanish Coin sent you for
the new cent pieces and also
credit for what I have recd.

Will you please report
when you find the same correct.

Respectfully Yours
W. H. Waldbury.

U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa in A/c with Bidwell Ex Bank Adrian. M.

1854

Apr	11	To Silver Coin	15000	Sept 17	By bank (New bnts)	5000
May	28	" " "	17500	Oct 3	" " " "	5000
				Nov 25	" " " "	5000
				Mch 22	" " " "	12500
					<u>Balance</u>	<u>5000</u>
			32500			32500
Mch	22	To Balance	5000			

March 29th
 The Express Co. have rec^d full pay^t, and have
 \$50. which is or will be immediately forwarded

March 29.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 22nd.
most I have to state that the Express Co. have
been paid in full for the deposits made by you
for new cuts. — They promise to forward the balance
due you viz: \$50 — immediately.

Respectfully Yours,

James C. ...
Director of the M.

W. H. Hoadby Esq
Banker.

Albion

Michigan.

MAR. 22, 1858

To the Treasury

Enclosing Com
and Bullion statement

Mar 22, 1888.

March 22, 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James A. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

MAR. 22, 1858

To Sec Treasury

Inclosing from and
Puller Statement

March 20. 1857.

Point of the United States.
Philad^a March 20. 1858.

March 21. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in
the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of
the bullion fund at the close of business today.

I have the honor to

With great respect,

Your faithful servant

James R. Snowden

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City;

Harrisburg March 22/58

Hon Wm Bigler
Sir

Mr Alex Struthus while employed as watchman at the United States Mint was during the repairing of the mint building and in consequence of the exposed condition of the building struck down with Paralysis and has been confined to his bed ever since,

The Director has kindly kept his name on the roll on half pay untill within a few days when his name was stricken from the roll, the Family feel the loss of the amount he had been accustomed to receive from the mint more particular at this time from the fact that another member of the Family, with a Family of four children is now confined to his bed without any means of his own Mr Struthus is the father of James R Struthus Esq of Carbon Cty who you doubtless know the object of this letter is to request you, should it not conflict with any other arrangements you may have made to write to the Director of the mint at Philadelphia

requesting him to replace Mr Struthers name on
the pay roll -

Should you be in a position to aid
Mr Struthers in this matter, it would meet the appro-
-bation of your numerous friends in Canton -

Yours friend
and Obt Servt
Thos Craigies

Worthy to truly

March 26th

My dear Sir

The foregoing letter will
explain itself. Mr Craigies is a
man worth serving if it can be
done consistent with duty.
I should be glad to see his
request come out if possible.

Yours truly

Wm. B. Miller

From + To

Saml Wm Rogers
U. S. Senator
Washington

In relation to —

Mr Alex. Sturtevant,

March 29, 1858.

Copy.

House of the United States,
Phila^a March 29, 1859,

My Dear Sir,

I have received your recent letter enclosing one to you from Mr Craig of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

I have great sympathy for Mr Stuthers and his family on whose behalf Mr Craig writes to you and have already extended to Mr Stuthers ^{very} unusual advantages. I appointed him on the recommendation of his son James R. Stuthers Esq, a right Matchmen in January 1854. He was taken sick in Sept 1855, and was afterwards unable to attend to his duties, I however (most of the time on half pay) continued him on the pay roll, until the 1st of February last, a period of ten years and four months after his disability. When it is stated that this is the first instance when a person who, from any cause, becomes unable to attend to his duties, has been kept on the roll and paid, it will be seen that 2

have acted with unusual liberality towards
Mr Shattuck - But I could not longer continue
his name on the ~~pay~~ roll - having to employ
a person in his place; and now I regret
to say that I cannot consistently with
my ~~duty~~ sense of propriety, re-place
his name on the roll.

I would be glad to do it if I
could see my way clear, not only on
account of my regard for Mr Shattuck
and his family, but because you have
expressed a wish to see Mr Craig
rather employed with if it could be
done consistently with duty.

I am very truly, Your Friend

(Signed) James Ross Snowden

Hon W. Bigler

U.S. Senator Vt.

From To
The W. H. Eaton Esq
N.Y.

Exchange of
medium

Mar 20. 1858.

We cannot consent to receive the
fine powder which you sent as
Iridium, but are willing to exchange,
at rate previously stated, our iridium
for similar grains, if they have
the cleanness & specific gravity
indicating a good quality of Iridium

New York March
16/58

Col. Grover

Dear Sir

sent some fine dust of Pridium
to Mr W A Hansell Esq of Phila
to exchange at the mint for other
Pridium and I learn from him that
it is refused, I have called on
Profr^{ts} & Loney & Gent of the assay
office and they think the fine
more dangerous in the market
than the grains as they will
show more and ^{are} more likely to settle
in the pot, and if fraud can be
practiced with it (Pridium) as some
claim by putting it in gold I think the
fine the most dangerous but if the
mint think they would prefer
to have other will send on other for

the exchange as per agreement
but I think it far better to get the
fine out of the market than ^{coarse} ~~there~~
if there is any object in getting it
out of the way of dishonest persons
as I understand the view of the mint
officers to be in not selling but exchanging
for 4 times the amt some of that
I sent I got from the Assay office
and mint in exchange it being stuck
together with some flux or other sub-
stance I wish to continue the exchange
with the government and will do as
you say - either send other of the kind
you may direct, or you can have that
sent which Mr. Cassell has in his
possession awaiting your reply. I have
the honour to remain in haste

Yours Truly

John W. Gorton
No 23 Maiden Lane

March 21. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your favor of the 16th inst.

We are quite willing to exchange
iridium with you on the terms heretofore agreed
upon, provided, the article offered is genuine.
Our Melt. & Refiner, thought that the ^{fine piece} ~~lot~~ you
sent for exchange was not iridium, and
for this reason it was not received.

Very Respectfully,

James R. Spencer,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. John M. Mason,
No 23 Maiden Lane,
New York?

$2\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ = 10 DAYS

16-17-18-19

MAR. 21, 1858

To Geo W Tucker Esq
Treasurer of
Hagerstown
Amd

Requesting certification
of Payment for
medals,

March 21, 1858.

JULY 20.

Dear Sir,

On the 15th of October last I received from your society (per R. L. Harkr. Esq.) the sum of five dollars for 10 silver medals struck at the Mint. A certificate of the payment of the above amount to me is required as a matter of form to accompany my account to the Department. I will thank you therefore, to send me a certificate something like the form herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully, &c.
Samuel R. Harkr.
Director of the Mint.

Geo. H. Tucker Esq.,
Treasurer to
Hogastown,
Cumberland Co.
Pa.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
March 19 '1858

Daniel Surgeon Esqr
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

Your accounts
for disbursements on account of the Branch
Mints at San Francisco, and New Orleans,
have been received.

The account referred to in
the last clause of your letter, was on the 24th
day of September last, reported to the 1st
Comptroller of the Treasury, for his action
thereon.

Very Respectfully
J L Smith
Auditor

Ferry

T. L. Smith

1st and

Washington

Recd

Mar 20/58

MAR. 19, 1858

Sam & Co

E H Hays Rd
Beckwith
St Lawrence Co
N.Y.

Ma paca for
Spanish com

Mar 22, 1858.

Richville St Lawrence Co N York
March 19th 1858

Dear Sir

I have a quantity of Spanish quarters
& some Spanish shillings will you please
inform me whether you give American quarters
for Spanish even handed I think I have
about \$150 in all Please write to me
on the receipt of this & direct as above

Yours Respectfully

E. A. Hopkins

Snowden
22 March



March 22. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to state that the old Spanish coinage tendered in your letter are received at the Mint at their nominal value in exchange for the new coin - coin. They are also purchased at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness, and paid for in silver coins of the new issue. When purchased at the rate just stated the yield is about as follows.

Spanish Quarter 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents

Eighths 10 $\frac{9}{10}$ "

Sixteenths 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ "

Mexican Quarter 23 $\frac{4}{10}$ "

Mr E. H. Appleton,
Richville, St. Lawrence Co.,
New York.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

United States Assay Office
New-York, Mar. 19, 1858.

Sir,

A statement of the business of
this Office for February is herewith en-
closed.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.,

S. F. Butterworth, Asst.

per Geo. F. Downing

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia. }

From
Saml H. Dutton Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

No Statement
for February

Mar 21, 1856

MAR. 19, 1858

To
Hon House Robt
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Com and
Dullion Statement

March 19, 1888.

March 19. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Samuel R. Howden.
Director of the Mint.

How Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

MAR. 19-1858

From L. Pullman Esq
New York

Medals from Director
of the Mint at Berne
Switzerland

March 19. 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Oct. 24. 1857.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a Statement

March 19. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 10th inst; and of the medals you forwarded to me; namely. 1. The Mint at Berno. 2. The City of Berno. 3. The festival of the Reformation at Berno in 1857.

I am informed by your communication that these handsome and interesting medals were sent to me by order of Ferdinand Kormer Esq. the Director and Master of the Mint at Berno. For this mark of regard and attention I have to request that you will present to Mr. Kormer my warmest thanks.

In a few weeks, I hope to be able, through your agency, to send to the Director one or more medals, which will be struck at this Mint, as a further acknowledgement of his attention.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the U. S. Mints.

W. L. Pullman,
Corner of Reade & West Streets,
New-York.

New York March 15th 1858.

James Ross Snowden Esq

Philadelphia.

Sir

By order of Ferdinand Korn Esq
Director and master of the Mint at Bern
(Switzerland) I beg leave to send you to-day
by Adams Express three Medals, the one re-

presenting the Building of the Mint at Bern

2) the City of Bern

3) is a token of the late festival of Riflemen
(Schützengilde) at Bern.

Thinking that you take an interest in engravings
of this kind, I beg leave to ask you to accept
those Medals of the above named Gentleman as a
token, and subscribe myself

Very Respectfully Yours

L. Rollman

corner Reade & West Sts.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 18. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and Statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company one box containing gold bullion, weighing 2377.¹⁸ ^{ozs.} net value \$48,479.37 for which I will thank you to return me double eagles at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

L. O. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Wm. J. C. West
Treasurer

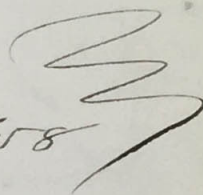
From

John A. Cisco, Pres

New York

Rec'd

19 Mar '58



No. 180

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.One Box containing 2377 ¹⁸/₁₀₀ of Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$48,479 ³⁷/₁₀₀
Forty Eight Thousand four hundred &
Seventy nine ³⁷/₁₀₀ dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 18-1858

Adams Express Co. John Hovey

Philadelphia March 17/58

The U S Mint

To Margt B Leidy D-

For 395 bags for Silver \$1000 = 1 @ \$10.50 per h. \$41.47

Lump Receipt

Margt. B. Leidy

Geo H Leidy
L. H.

Silver Account

M. B. Leidy

\$41.47

Middlesex Mechanic Association
Lowell Mar 17. 1858.

^{res}
Hon James Rott Snowden.

Dear Sir. Enclosed
is a certificate for medals rec'd by us for our
late Exhibition.

Very Respectfully
John W. Smith
^{res}
Treas.

From
John M Smith Esq
Treasurer.
~~Worcester~~
Mass

Meade Certificate

Mar 21, 1858.

MAR. 16, 1858

To Sec Treasury

Inclosing conit &
Pulver Statement

Mar - 16. 1858.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a Mar 16. 1858.

Mar 16 1858

Received of
the Treasurer of the
United States

for the sum of

March 16, 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
March 16th 1858

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

The enclosed
Director's Warrant is returned, for
the signature of the Treasurer in
whose name the mint certificate is
made out.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
J. H. Smith
Auditor.

From

J. L. Smith

1st And

Washington

Recd

Mar 23/58

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 15 1858

Sir

I have this day Transmitted by The
Adams Express Company Two boxes Gold bullion
Gross Weight 4990⁹⁰ ozs net value \$101,782.43

In order that our Accounts may be closed within
the Quarter, you will oblige me by transmitting
double copies for the above amount prior to the
31st inst.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Wm J. Chase
Treasurer

P.S. 427 Empty bags returned.

From

J. J. Bird, Treas

New York

Recd

Mar 16/58

No. 179 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

2 Box containing 4990⁹⁰ oz Gold Bullion,
" " " Silver "

2 Parcel, " 427 Empty bags

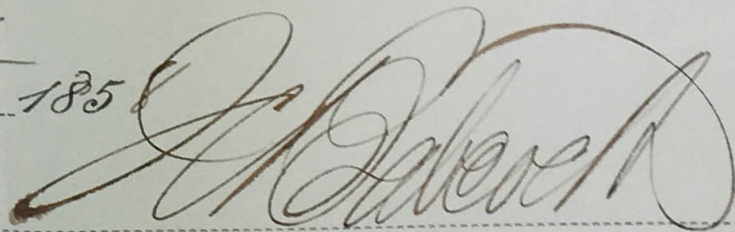
Amounting in Net value to \$ 101,782.63

One Hundred and one thousand, seven hundred
Eighty Two ⁶³ / 100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 15 1858

Adams Express Co



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/MARCH

part 1

U.S. Mt General Correspondence 1858 / March Oct 2

COMING DOWN.—On Friday the Cardinell quartz claim yielded the handsome sum of \$7,179.20. The vein in the place from which the above was extracted, was of course nearly pure gold.

Columbia, 15th Mar. 1850

Ser.

Toulumne Co. Cal

You will pardon me for thus trespassing on your valuable time. But as you will perceive by the accompanying paper that I am the proprietor of a valuable Quartz Claim, and feel somewhat anxious to know with certainty, what is the actual fineness of the Gold therein

I have been to the trouble and expense of having it assayed by several parties in this State, but without any satisfactory result, as each as differed from the other, and feeling the utmost confidence in your ability, I have ventured to request you to favor me with your opinion - any additional expense incurred - I will defray with the greatest pleasure -

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Servant

A. Cardinell,

From
J. H. Hardinell
Cal.^a

Assay of Sample
of soil from Hardinell
Quartz claim

April 20, 1858.—

Apr 19. 8.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th inst, and also the sample of gold from the "Cardinal Quartz Claim" therein referred to. I have caused it to be assayed.

The sample weighed before melting oz. 1.11
after being melted .. 1.03

Fine res. gold: 881 thousandths
Silver 114 "

Value, without the silver, = \$ 18.75.

The proceeds of which will be paid, on return, to you on your order.

I am very respectfully
Yours obt. servant,
James R. Henderson
Director of the Mint.

Mr. A. Cardinell
Columbia,
Soulamne County,
California.

MAR. 15-1858

From

John Brady Esq
Post Master

Muncie

Delaware Co

Ind.

\$30 - new cents
forwarded

March 29. 1858.



Muncie Post office
Delaware County State of
Indiana 15th March 1855

Sir

as I understand it is my duty
to send to the U S Mint all old
Spanish Minters & 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ct Pieces to the
Mint I here transmit all I have Received
up to the Present time (To wit)

100 hundred 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Pieces Received at 10cts \$10.00

68.25 cent Pieces Received at 20 Cents & 4. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pieces

Making \$15.00

15.00

100 hundred 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ cent Pieces Received at 5cts 5.00

Total

\$30.00

the amount you will Pleas transmit
to me in one Cent Pieces if you can
do it By Express free of Charge to me
if you cant Pay it in gold or Silver
to Mr James McColough the Bearer of this
and the Coin I Send

Respectfully yours

John Brady
Post Master

To The Superintendent
of The U S Mint
at
Philadelphia
Pa

P S Muncie is on the Line of the
Indianapolis & Pittsburgh RR

Send Cents

for

Exhibit C. 1

Orin Macanapolis
+ Peter R. R.

March 29. 8.

Sir,

I forward you to-day per Adams Express
C^o-freight paid - Thirty dollars in cents of the new
issue, for that amount of old Spanish coin, received
by you at the rates presented by the Act of February
21. 1857, and deposited at the mint a few days
since per Mr James McCleough.

Enclosed I send you a copy of
my circular of 27th April 1857, in relation
to the exchange of the new cent.

Very Respectfully,
C. A. B. Smith
Director of the Mint

John Brady Esq
P. M. Office
Bellevue C.
N. Y.

Wilkes Barre Mch 15 1858

Col J. Rob Snowden

My Dear Sir

I send you -

by our mutual friend Incep Rob-
tson, with his wife - goes to Phila.
Tuesday - The "History of the
Lackawanna Valley" - by Doct
Hollister - of Scranton - which
please accept

Incep Rob will hand
it to you at the Mines

I know you take an
interest in the stories about
the old settlers of this region
and although this book of
the Doctors - has not much
merit as a book or a
History - yet I thought some

of the stories he tells
would interest you and your
family - Knowing as you do
so many of the persons and
localities about which
he has written

I expect to be in the city
about the first of May

Please make my compliments
to Mrs Snowden & your family

I am very truly

Yours &c
Jesse L. Starkent

From
L. S. Stoughton.

Nov 15. 1838

U.S. Mint }
For Cabinet }

1857

To J. J. Linard

Per

Decr	24	4 pr Brass Hinges & Screws	2 00
		4 Turnb Desk Locks & Esch	3 00
	144	4 pr Brass Hinges	1 75
		4 Turnb Desk Locks & Esch	3 00
		8 Brass Buttons on Plt & Screws	80
		1 pr 1/2 in Brads	08
		1 Brass hook & eye	03
	16	2 Hand Rail Screws	20
	31	7 pr Brass hinges	3 50
		1 doz Cabinet Locks & Esch	6 75
1858 Jan'y	7	8 pr Brass hinges & Screws	4 00
		4 Cabinet Locks & Esch	2 25
		8 Brass desk Locks & Esch	6 00
		1 pr 2 1/2 in Screws	97
		1 pr 3/4 in Screws	34
			\$34 67

Correct

Jm C Dubois asst Assayer

Rec'd Jan'y

J. J. Linard

J. F. Linnard

J. F. Linnard

\$34.67

\$34.67

Voucher No. 7

March 15, 1880

OFFICE OF BENNER, SPURRIER & CO.

Baltimore, March 15 1858

D. Sturgeon Esq

Treas. U. S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir:

We observe by the papers that one of your helpers in the mint has been secreting & purloining silver. The last bag we received from you was deficient in the returns whereby we sustained a loss. We give below a statement of four other lots which will show that heretofore we made a profit on it. Having always purchased at the same rate, it is evident that some must have been taken out of the last lot sent you.

Nov 23/57	proceed	431.15	cost	420.40	Profit	10.75
Dec 7	"	322.31	"	314.21	"	8.10
" 16	"	1719.73	"	1708.32	"	11.41
Jan 16/58	"	351.01	"	341.33	"	9.68
Mar 4	"	525.97	"	537.78	Loss	11.81

We shall be pleased to hear from you relative to it,

Respectfully
Benner Spurrer & Co

Note by the Assayers.

The report of $903\frac{1}{2}$ fine was confirmed by two assays, and is higher than the usual average of mixed coins; owing, of course, to the presence of English shillings. - It does not appear, from the letter, on what grounds they make out a loss. —

E. shillings at the mint price, will not average over 22 cents.

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—
24.2

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Bennet, Spurrier of

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Recd }
Biller 50 }

1784

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"Union office"

Washington March 13/58

Sir:

Yours of 12th is at hand, and enclosed
please find bill as desired. Our northern ^{agents}
not having made return for several years
past, has caused great confusion in our books,
and I am compelled, in order to get them
right to send out all subscription bills that
I find standing unpaid - and regulating
my books by the answers.

Yours Respectfully
J. B. Martin

H
Wm

Union Office
Washington City

Enclosing duplicate
receipts for

Depts Subscription
to W Union

March 15th 1858.

United States Assay Office,
New York, March 12, 1858.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the business of this Office in January, which has been accidentally overlooked till this time. I will send the February statement in a few days.

Hereafter an approximate statement will be sent to you immediately after the close of each month, and an accurate one as soon thereafter as the calculation sheet shall be completed.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

J. F. Butterworth, Supt.,
per Geo. F. Downing.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Ermy
Supt U.S. Assay Off
N.Y.

Summary Report
Enclosed

March 13. 1888.

MAR. 12, 1858

To
Wm L. Harris Esq
Ed Wash. Union

In relation to Bill
for subscription.

Mar 12, 1858.

1858

March 12. 8.

Dear Sir,

I return herewith account received from your office for subscription to the Daily Union. I find that the sum of ten dollars was paid on 26th June 1856, for subscription to April 26th 1857. The amount due for subscription to April 26. 1858 is therefore \$10—. If you will send me duplicate receipted bills for the amount due I will cause the same to be enclosed to you without delay. Or, if you prefer it, the amount will be paid to any person you may authorize to receive it.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

Samuel R. Richardson,
Director of the Mint.

William L. Harris Esq
Editor & Proprietor
Washington Union
Washington City.

Treasury Department

First auditors office

March 11th 1858

Saml A Snowden Esq
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

In order that your Medal Account may be settled in strict conformity with the general regulations of this Department, I have to request, that, you will obtain from the proper officers of the several Institutions, for which Medals were made, during the periods embraced by the Ac currently herewith enclosed, that the amounts therein specified are the true amounts paid for the Medals purchased as stated.

Very Respectfully

Your obt Serv

J. L. Smith
Auditor

112
J
Wm
First Auditor
Washington

Desire vouchers
for muni. ac. by
me for muni.

Mar 13. 1883

Tom & Co

Supt. M. S. Essay Office

New York

In relation to
Instructions to &
Table of losses,
Charges &c.

Mar 10. 1858.

United States Assay Office.

New York, March 5, 1858.

Sir,

I submit for your consideration the enclosed communication from the Assayer of this Office, on the subject of charges.

It is manifestly not your intention that the printed instructions, as respects the charges on deposits, should be regarded as embracing all the subjects of charge, since no mention is made of the coinage charge or the bar charge. I am unable, however, to decide what was your intention in the instance referred to.

Very respectfully,

Yours etc. &c.

S. J. Butterworth

Supl

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

W. S. Apley Office
New York 24th Feby 1858

Dear Sir

In the Copy of Instructions relative to the transaction of business, to take effect on 1st prox, to which my attention was called in your communication of 19th inst., I notice several deviations from the tariff of charges on deposits by which we have hitherto been governed - The first article of that has been entirely omitted viz -

" For Refining, when the Bullion is below standard

1 - On Gold - Three cents per ounce of gross weight after melting
on so much of a deposit as will bring the whole up to standard -

2 - On Silver - From 500 to 700 fine, 3 cents per ounce as above

" 701 to 800 " , 2½ " " "

" 801 to 899 " , 2 " " "

The second article has been modified materially, and the "Limit to the separating of Gold and Silver for the benefit of the depositor" has been changed.

Am I to understand that this supercedes that hitherto in use with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, or, is this Copy of Instructions intended simply as a compilation of the various Mint regulations in a printed form convenient for reference?

If the former, are the charges for "Refining when

the Bullion is below Standard" to be discontinued
entirely, or, is the insertion of the words "or refining"
after "For toughening" in the second article, intended to
provide for those?

Very Respectfully

S. H. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent &c

Wm Torrey

Sir.

Referring to your communications of the 28th of January and 25th of February, I would remark that you have not correctly apprehended the method of the table of losses, in weight, on page 6 of the printed instructions.

For example, in the case of gold. The loss per cent. is only stated upon grains and dust. The losses upon bars, coins, laminations &c., indeed all other than grains and dust, are specific hundredths of an ounce, upon specific weights; not per centages. Thus a lot of coin weighing 5, 10 or 20 ounces, would ordinarily lose $\frac{1}{100}$, not one $\frac{1}{100}$. A lot of 100 ozs. to 500 ozs., would ordinarily lose $\frac{3}{100}$, and for an extreme case, might lose $\frac{15}{100}$; and so on. The losses are not in proportion to the size of the deposit; that is, they never are so, practically. Consequently, there are, in the table mentioned, no formulas for affording the comparison which is instituted in your letter; which comparison

is summed up in the remark, that "the average loss on bars (at Your office,) exceeds very considerably the rate of loss indicated on page 6 of the printed instructions." The instructions do not give a per centage of loss on bars, nor in fact any authoritative scale of losses, but merely a rough guide to the weigh clerk, on receiving back the parcels from the melter, to know whether he has a reasonable return.

The statement you present is very good for the purpose for which it was made out, namely, to show where the Government stands, in a summary up of the melting business, but the object of the table in the pamphlet is quite different. On this point I may also remark (and this answers Mr Kent's question) that the losses to depositors, as shown by your summary statement, are greater at Your office than at the Mint.

With respect to "restoring the allowance to depositors, either in whole or in part," you will remember that the allowance was withdrawn at the instance of Your office as being too high and oppressive; and altho' it does not look well, and is in fact an inaccuracy in reticence to return

Surplus, yet it is doubtful whether the experience
of a single year is sufficient to induce another
change. Whilst therefore, I think it ~~not~~ not
to make any change at present I have to
request that as close a return as is possible
of gains and scrapings be made. A more liberal
use of protective flint (loam) may, probably, give
the depositors a proper return, and lead to more
satisfactory settlements.

Very Respectfully,
James Rose & Howland,
Director of the Mint

Saml. F. Fittsworth Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

March 9. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 6th inst in relation to the Instructions lately presented for the Mint and its Branches, I have to state that, the coinage charge is referred to at page 9, paragraph 16; and that it was not designed to make any change at present in the bar charge at your office.

Referring to the communication of Dr Corsey I have to remark that the tariff of charges printed in the "Instructions" is a substitute for the previous tariff, and was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. It is not intended that there should be a charge for refining simply when the bullion offered is below standard, nor for silver, nor for alloy. The silver used for alloy is subtracted from the amount reported as contained in partible good bullion.

As a general rule, bars from jewelry, or

mixtures in which silver has been used, will be
subject to charge for refining; but when the deposit
offered consists of pure German or other coins, con-
taining but a small proportion of silver, (or rather
superior silver of the same character,) it ought to be
rejected; or at least, the depositor must first
bring it into a better condition.

The new "Limit to the separating of silver and
silver" will require attention on the part of the Assayer.

It may be added, that in the separating
charges, whenever the silver in the mixed bullion
exceeds 500, and does not exceed 700, it
is to be found under the head "If coppery" such
mixed metal being usually coppery, though in a
few cases, it may be so only, in a small degree.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Brown
Director of the Mint.

Saml. H. Putnam Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

United States Assay Office,
New York, Jan. 28, 1858.

Sir,

I had hoped to be able, as this, to present to you a statement of our operations for the 4th quarter of 1857, with some remarks on the business of the Office for the year past. Such a statement cannot be made, however, with entire accuracy, until the Abstract of deposit calculations shall have been completed. This will be done, I trust in a few days.

I will now state, generally, that our deposits for the year have been

In Gold, about \$21,700,000.

In Silver " 2,300,000

Total, about \$24,000,000.

This amount would doubtless have been greater but for the withdrawal of our Bullion Fund, and the consequent delay in making payments to depositors. It is exceedingly desirable that this fund

should be restored. Depositors are now subjected to about a month's delay.

The expenditures of the Office for the year just closed have been as follows:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$24,700.
" Wages of Workmen	37,130.
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	59,199.
Total	<u>\$121,029.</u>

During the year the aggregate amount of bullion delivered to the Melter & Refiner was

	<u>Gold, Oz. 1,167,758.397</u>	<u>Silver 1,954,668.81</u>
Am't. returned	" <u>1,168,117.058.</u>	" <u>1,955,563.10</u>
Showing a surplus of "	<u>358.661</u>	" <u>894.29</u>

This result is highly satisfactory, & presents the best evidence of the skill & fidelity with which the responsible duties of this office, & of the Assayer, have been performed.

It becomes an interesting subject of inquiry to determine the cause of this surplus. The Melter & Refiner attributes it mainly to the thoroughness with which the accumulations

of his department have been gotten up at this settlement. For the first time since the commencement of his operations, he has made a thorough overhauling of his flues, furnaces &c. Two gold filters & two large precipitating tubs which had been in use since the opening of the Office, were replaced by new ones during the past year, and the the gold & silver absorbed by them has of course gone into his account.

Although these circumstances may account for a large part of the gain in the account of the M. & R., - sufficient not only to cover the inevitable wastage, but also to leave a surplus of nearly \$8,000, - I cannot but think it is due in some degree to the discontinuance of the former practice of making an allowance to depositors for the absorption by the crucible. I will cause to be prepared and submitted to you a statement showing the average loss in melting the several kinds of deposits at this Office, in order that you may determine whether or not the practice above alluded to should be resumed,

either wholly or in part.

With the more accurate statement of our operations, which I hope to submit in a few days, I will endeavor to present the statement of loss in melting.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob. Servt.

Sam. F. Putterlick
Supl

Hon. J. R. Rowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philad^a.

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one tenth of a 1000.

in this case it is less a wastage

of $\frac{7}{10}$ of 1000 -

United States Army Office,
New York, Feb. 25, 1858.

Sir,

The following is the result of the examination promised in my letter of the 28th ult., as to the loss in melting at this Office.

Gold deposits. 1857.	Bars. Loss per cent.	Coins. Loss per cent.	Grains. Loss per cent.
January	0.05	0.02	3.56
February	0.08	0.03	2.90
March	0.06	0.04	3.66
April	0.07	0.03	3.36
May	0.07	0.02	2.97
June	0.06	0.03	2.75
July	0.08	0.03	2.30
August	0.08	0.03	3.74
September	0.07	0.02	3.82
October	0.09	0.05	2.84
November	0.08	0.03	3.14
December	0.08	0.02	3.09
Average, (de- rived by calcula- tion of weights.)	0.07	0.03	3.17

You will notice that the average loss

on bars is 0.07 per cent., which exceeds very considerably the rate of loss indicated on page 6 of the printed "Instructions" recently prescribed by you, and which, in this particular are the same as those prescribed in 1854. It should be borne in mind however that the practice existed in 1854 of allowing to the depositor ^{oz.} .01 on every 25 oz. melted. This allowance is equivalent to .04 per cent., and if the practice had been continued the loss on bars in 1857 would have been .03 per cent. instead of .07.

I submit the above facts for your consideration, with a view to determining the expediency of restoring the allowance to depositors either in whole or in part. It is proper to state that Mr. Kent is of opinion that in consequence of the great increase in quartz mining, & the consequent use of Mercury, a greater loss ^{is sustained} in melting bars than heretofore, when they were derived from gold which had not been amalgamated. As they are now presented they are almost invariably brittle, from which circumstance Mr. Kent concludes that the

meltings to which they may have been subjected have not entirely freed them from mercury.

If I correctly understand the purpose of the table of losses on page 6 of the pamphlet instructions, should not the ratios of loss there indicated be increased .04 per cent. in consequence of the discontinuance of the allowance to depositors?

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.,

Saml F. Buttrick
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia. }

P.S. Mr. Kent desires me to inquire how the loss in melting as shown above compares with the experience of the Mint.

Wm
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York R

Report as to the
loss in melting
at that Office

Feb. 27, 1855

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 10. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$20 385³³ in Silver Coins, in payment for
invoice N^o 178.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Wm J. C. Egan
r
Treasurer

$\frac{1}{3}$ 250

Office, New York
Secretary's Department

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
N. York

Rec'd

Mar 11/58

J. R. Snowden Esq.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Referring to the accompanying letter of introduction I beg the favour to be informed of the existence of establishments in the U. States for separating silver from lead and the proprietors of the same, and the process in use as far as may be known to you - that is please say where the Mattinson process is in use.

I suppose that there are but few such establishments in the U. States and that they will be known to you.

My purpose in making the inquiry is to seek a sale for silver lead or obtain information that may authorize the motion of appliances by which ^{the} silver may be extracted from lead to be supplied by the Canton mine in this state, in which I have an interest.

I will not therefore give you the trouble of enumerating any such establishments as may be rendered available

J. K. Snowden Esqr

Philadelphia

As to establishments
for separating silver
from gold

Mar 13. 1856

Savannah
Ga

March 12, 8,

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, enclosing a letter of introduction from Gov. Cobb, the Secretary of the Treasury.

My position as Director of the Mint does not necessarily make me acquainted with establishments where silver is procured from Ore, because we only receive silver in a state of mass or leaf, purity, and the deposit is made in the State by what method it is procured.

The only establishment I am acquainted with where Pattinson's process is conducted is situated in Chester County, near Phoenixville, in this State. The proprietor's name is Mr. D. Sharwood. He purchases, I believe, argentiferous galena to extract both lead and silver. We have had a few deposits of silver from this

establishment.

There is, I may also observe, always
a good market for such ones in England
and some Companies, I learn, have
found it to their advantage to ship the
prepared ones to that Country.

I will be most happy to see you
if your business or inclination calls
you to Philadelphia and will give you
any aid or information in my power
that may be useful to you.

I am, very Respectfully,

Your Obedt servant,

James Rohrer
Director of the Mint.

Dr. Wm. C. Daniels,

Savannah
Georgia.

To

Genl. T. L. L. L. L.
Pres. W. S. Agt. Society,
H. L. L.
H. L.

Estimate of cost
of medals

Mar 5. 1858.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 465- \\
 270- \\
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 195-
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 730 \\
 236 \\
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 4500 \\
 2250 \\
 \hline
 27000
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2650 \\
 1300 \\
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 1350
 \end{array}$$

Mint of the United States,
 Philadelphia,

185

March 5. 8.

Dear Sir,

At the request of Marshall P. Wilder Esq. I present the following estimate ^{the cost of} of making at this institution, medals in gold, silver and bronze, from the medal dies received a few days since from your society,

viz:

of
For making gold medals (to contain 7 ounces fine gold) \$15.00 - each
" " Silver " " 4 " " Silver) 7.50 "
" " Bronze " " 2.50 "

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours,

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Genl. Vilghman
President - U. S. Agricultural Society,
Oxford,
Maryland,

3 Gold
36 Silver
26 Copper

U.S. Assay Office, N.Y.
March 5. 1858.

Sir

I am in receipt by the Adams
Express Company, of Sixty five Thousand, four
hundred and Two ⁷³ dollars in Gold and Silver
Coins, in payment for invoices N^o 176. 177.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

John J. Beck
Treasurer

of
Fenny

Jno. A. Cisco, Jr

Washington

Recd

8 Mar '58

To Sec Treasury

Transmitting Report
of February Examination
at N.Y. Assay
Office.

Mar 5, 1858.

Mar. 5. 8.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from
the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office,
at New York, exhibiting the results of the usual
monthly count and examination at that insti-
tution on the 27th ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Wm. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 3^d 1858.

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, as per receipt and statement enclosed, nine boxes silver bullion weighing 16 227 ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ ozs gross, net value, \$20,385.33 for which I will thank you to return Quarter dollars, in payment.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgeon Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Wm. J. C. Wey

Treasurer

No. 198

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
 9 " " 16227.94 ozs Silver "
 Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 20,385.33
 Twenty Thousand three hundred eighty
 five ³³ dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 3 1858

Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

Mar 5/58

Assay office
March 4. 1858.

To the Director of the Mint.

Report of assays of cent ingots, for
the month of February.

			Percentage of nickel.	
Feb. 2.	Eight boxes, B & S.			11.3
3.	"	"	"	11.2
5.	"	"	"	12.1
8.	"	"	"	12.9
11.	"	"	"	12.9
13.	Seven	"	"	12.7
16.	Nine	"	"	12.4
18	Seven	"	"	12.2
22	Eight	"	"	13.3
24	"	"	"	13.2
26	"	"	"	13.2

J. P. Eckfeldt
Assayer

(over)

Assay office,
March 4. 1858

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director &c. &c.

Sir

I have to report, that
the persons employed in this department of the
Mint, during the past month, have been attentive
to the duties respectively assigned to them.

Very respectfully &c.
J. W. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assays of cent
in gold for February

March. 4 1858

" The Medal Fund of the Mint of the United States

by
To Daniel Sturgeon Treasurer of the Mint
for.

Copper furnished from my department
as follows

1857

Feby 26. For 5 lbs Avdt @ 50 ¢ per lb — = \$ 2.50

Received from the Hon J Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint of the United States Two dollars
and Fifty Cents

Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer.

Copper
#250

Nash Mills

March 2, 1858.

Col. Snowden.

Dear Sir.

I have prepared
& signed the certificate. You
will perceive that after getting
the signature of the other judges,
you will have to send it to the
Pro. for seal & entry.

I have dated it on the last
day the court was in session, when
we approve it.

Very respec.

Wm. H. Corwin

Mar. 3. 58.

John
M. H. Lourie

Feb 3/58

MAR. 2, 1858

Clear Spring Maryland March 17/58

Dear Sir

What are the Spanish
and Mexican Quarters ^{La Calle} Worth
I have a lot of them an
hand that is an average
some are worn and some
are not worn scarcely any
please let me know and
oblj'd yours
Jonathan Loose

From
Gnatho-Lose
Clear Spring
Md

Pin point
for the Seven

Mar 5, 1858.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia March 5th 1858.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 2nd inst. I have to state that the description of coin you refer to are received at the Mint at their nominal value in exchange for the new cent coin. They are also purchased at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness and paid for in U.S. silver coins. At the rate just stated the yield is about as follows viz:

Spanish Quarters	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents
Eighths	19 $\frac{1}{10}$ "
Sixteenths	5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican Quarters	25 $\frac{4}{10}$ "

Very Respectfully,
Saml. R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Johnathon Loose,
Clear Spring,
Md.

Chief Coiner's Department
United States Mint.

March 1st 1858

Dear Sir

I have received your note and the accompanying Letter of Dr Barclay, both of this date, in relation to the Doctor's requisition of Feby. 1st 1858 for Three complete Series of Gold & Silver Coins of the United States, and also two Quintuple Eagles if on hand, or if not, the money to purchase them.

In reply I would respectfully state, that immediately after the receipt of the above Requisition of Dr Barclay, in obedience to your request, I waited upon Professors Vethake and Rogers, the Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in pursuance of the Resolution of Congress, under which the Experimental Inquiry is made, and asked their instruction in relation to future deliveries of Bullion to Dr Barclay.

They directed that no further deliveries be made to him until they had communicated with the Secretary of the Treasury, and stated that they would inform Dr Barclay that they had so directed—

During last month I called again at your instance upon Professor Vethake, at the University, and was informed by him that he was still awaiting a reply from the Treasury department.

I am very Resp^{ly}

Grob^{ly}

George K Childs
per Chief Coiner
C S Dickinson
asst

J Ross Snowden Esq

Director

U.S. Mint

Report Chief
Comie 1858

Bulletin for
Barclay Experiments

Chief Coiner's Department -
United States Mint.

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C S Lincoln
asst

I Ross Snowden Esq

Director

U. S. Mint

Report Chief
Comie 1868

Bulletin for
Barclay Experiments

Duplicate

U. S. Mint

To "The Adams Express Co" &

1858 For Transportation Silver Bullion

Feb 1. 10 Keps to U. S. Department	Baltimore	\$50.00 @ 150 th	75.00
" 4 Bxys " S. Carey	Washington	\$25.00 @ 22 ⁵ / ₁₀₀	56.25
3-4 " " "	Do	\$30.00 @ 22 ⁵ / ₁₀₀	67.50
4-16 Keps " U. S. Department	Norfolk	\$80.00 @ 4 th	320.00
5-8 Bxys from Assay Office	New York	\$19.76 1/2 @ 150	29.65
9-19 Do to Do	Do	\$19.76 1/2 @ 150	29.65
11-4 Keps to U. S. Department	Norfolk	\$20.00 @ 4 th	80.00
19-24 Bxys from Assay Office	New York	\$59.78 1/2 @ 150	89.67
24-20, Keps to S. Carey	Washington	\$100.00 @ 22 ⁵ / ₁₀₀	225.00
26-10 " " "	"	\$50.00 @ 22 ⁵ / ₁₀₀	112.50
			<u>\$ 1,085.22</u>

Phil " March 1, 1858

R. T. Fay

Correct:

A. Patterson

Treas^{er} U. S. M.

Adams Express Co
per R. R. W. (Manager) Supt

Schir Ap

Adams Ex Co

\$1085.22

Mar 1/50

MAR. 1-1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 24, 1858.

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4044
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88-
250
446
1700
220

Sir,

I have been advised of the arrival, ^{at the Port of New York} per Steamer Africa of a case containing an Assay Balance ordered by me from London a few months since for the use of the Mint. Be pleased to send me an order on the collector at New York for the admission of the same to free entry.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant

I have

recently

I have

To.
Sec Treasury
Washington City

March 1858

Refut Mr E &
Leports & Homage

March 1, 1858

750
92.50
41

Feb. 27. 8.

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint to-day exhibits the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

In Gold Coins	\$ 18,953.00
„ Silver Coins	224,552.64
„ New Cents	4,321.72
„ Ordinary Fund	30,089.51
„ Repair „	18.66
„ Bal. Br. Mint Fund	24.59
Total	<u>\$277,960.12</u>

Corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

The balance in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. States at the same time, was found to be \$296,090.00, in gold and silver coins, agreeing with the account books in his office.

An examination into the condition of the
Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the
business of the institution is conducted with fidelity
and care, and a proper attention to the
interests of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Spencer,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Isaac C. Holt,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Feb 27. 8

Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits the Deposit
and Coinage at the Mint during the month of February
1858.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Feb 27 8.

Mr

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business today.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel P. McMurder
Director of the Mint

Hon. Amos Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U.S. a
Schmidt. }

Dear Sir:

I have fixed Monday
next 1 March, at 5 o'clock P.M. for the
further hearing in above case.

Very respectfully
Yours

Chas. S. Mayhew
Cn
Feb 27. 1858.

A. Rose Snowden Esq.

From Charles F. Hazlett Esq
U.S. Commissioner
Off^r.

Time of hearing in
case of Dr. Southey

March 1, 1857

"The Medal Fund" of the "Mint of the United States"

by

To James C Booth Melter & Refiner of the Mint.

for

Silver Bullion furnished from my Department as
follows

1858.

Feb'y 18th: For $\$39.12$ Silver @ $998\frac{1}{2}$ Fine (for Peabody Medals) = $\$43.40$ Stan^d = $\$54.25$

Received from the Hon: J Ross Snowden Director of the
Mint of the United States $\$43.40$ Standard Silver in Exchange
for the above

John H Taylor Asst M R

Silver
Penney Medals

#54.25

March 1, 1857-

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 1. 1858

Sir

I herewith inclose receipt and statement of one fine gold bar, weighing 275 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ ounces, net value \$5,621 ²⁸/₁₀₀ transmitted this day by the Adams Express Company, for coinage.

I will thank you to return me, double eagles for the same, on the earliest possible day.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Wm J. C. Geo
Treasurer

56 21.20
59,781.45

65402.73

From

John J. Cissel, Treasr

New York

Recd

Mar 2/58

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 177

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

One Box containing 275⁵⁰ ozs. Gold Bullion,
" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 5,621²⁸
Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty one
28/ dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 1 1858

Adams Express Co

J. B. Wood



Chicago, Ill. February 26 1858.

To the Manager of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Mr Aaron Miller of your City has requested you to send Gold Sweepings to Julius Kotel Esq. Dresden Saxony & which has been done by your kind consent. I have not received any answer yet of this Gentleman, but from a conversation I had with him last Summer I think he will pay a fair price for all you have, & would therefore request you to keep on hand all that stuff you will make until I receive an answer from him, which I expect will come very soon. By complying with this you will oblige

Yours most Respectfully.
Lazarus Silverman

Wm
Lazear Sirmann
Chicago

Sup - Sae theng
in Dresden

March 1 1858.

Hagerstown Md Feb 26. 1858.

Dear Sir:

I have a large quantity of Spanish coined, as well as Mexican, silver and gold which I wish to dispose of. I am advised that you will redeem it at the Mint for recoinage into United States currency.

Is my information correct?

If so, please inform me at your earliest convenience at what rates you receive it, and whether you will pay silver & gold for it? My intention is to forward it to you if your terms are of such a character as will justify me in doing so. Should I send it on by express to whose name shall I direct it?

U. S. Mint-
Phil^a Pa.

Yours &c
Jas N. Schlofer

Y
From + To

John W. Schloper Esq
Augustown
Md

Price paid
for our silver

Mon. 1. 1855

March 1. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 26th inst. I have to state that, the old Spanish and Mexican coin you refer to, are received at the Mint, at their nominal value in exchange for the new cent. They are also purchased at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness, and paid for in silver coin. When thus purchased they yield about as follows, viz:

Spanish Quarter	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents
" Eighth	10 $\frac{9}{10}$ "
" Sixteenth	5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican Quarter	25 $\frac{4}{10}$

In transmitting the coin you can direct the package to "U. S. Mint Phila." and state by letter whether you desire them exchanged for the new cent coin or sold to the Mint.

Geo. W. Schloper Esq,
Haverstown, Md.

Respectfully
Samuel R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint

H. RAYMENT,

Optical & Mathematical Instrument Maker,

8, Eastern Row, Tower Hill, (E.C.)

London, 26 July 18.58

Sir

You will greatly
oblige, by informing me
if the Gas Apparatus for
Aspaying has arrived in
safety. Mr Field, informed
me he had written to
you stating the time you
might expect it. he called
on me this morning and stated
he had received no answer,
but was surprised that
I had not heard about it.

hoping you will communicate
with me as soon as convenient

Yours Respt
J. P. H. Raymond

Mr St Remy Esq
London

London

Wm

My dear Sir
I have the pleasure
to inform you that
the enclosed
has been forwarded
to you by the
post of the 15th

March 15. 1836.



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855 / MARCH PAGE 2

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / HENERY TROEMNER, WEIGHTS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

Phila. Oct 18/58.

H. R. Runnels.

Governor of the State of Texas.

To F. E. Degen.

Dr.

Scaler of weights & measures.

To Testing	100 Balances.	@ 100 ^{cts} each.	\$ 10.00
"	5-11-5-11-lb etc.	@ 12 1/2 Dr.	6.25
"	" - 20 "	" 4 "	2.00
"	" - 10 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 4 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 2 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/4 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/8 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/16 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/32 "	" " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 Bushel measures.	@ 15 ^{cts} each.	7.50
"	" - 1/2 Peck	Dr @ 10 Dr	5.00
"	" - 1/4 "	" " 6 1/4 "	3.12
"	" - 1-quart	" Dry " 4 "	2.00
"	" - 1-gallon	" " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 "	" " " "	2.00
"	" - 1-quart	" " " "	2.00
"	" - 1-pint	" " 3 "	1.50
"	" - 1/2 "	" " " "	1.50
"	" - 1/4 "	" " " "	1.50
"	" - Yard Sticks.	" 6 "	3.00
			<u>\$67.37</u>

Phila. Oct. 18/58.

H. R. Runnels.

Governor of the State of Texas.

To F. E. Degen Dr.
Sealer of weights & measures.

To Testing	1000 Balances @ 10cts each.	\$10.00
"	500 - 50 lb. lbs. @ 12 1/2 cts.	6.25
"	" - 200 " " " 4 "	2.00
"	" - 100 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 4 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 2 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/4 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/5 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/6 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/32 " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 Bushel measures @ 15cts each.	7.50
"	" - 1/2 Peck " @ 10 " "	5.00
"	" - 1/4 " " " 6 1/4 " "	3.12
"	" - 1 quart " Dry " 4 " "	2.00
"	" - 1 Gallon. " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1/2 " " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1 quart " " " " "	2.00
"	" - 1 pint " " 3 " "	1.50
"	" - 1/2 " " " " " "	1.50
"	" - 1/4 " " " " " "	1.50
"	" - Yard Sticks. " 6 " "	3.00
		<u>\$67.37</u>

W
Insurance Policies
Rec. of monies & -
Henry Proctor
St. Heights & measure
State Texas. -

1858

Sum of the Money

of the Money

Effect of the United States

Philadelphia,

Philadelphia Sept 13, 1838.

Received of Hon James Rob Inouen his
draft in my favor for Three Thousand
Dollars on Messrs L H Brown & Co N. Y.
on a/c of Standard balances, weights
and measures manufactured by me
for the state of Texas

\$3000-

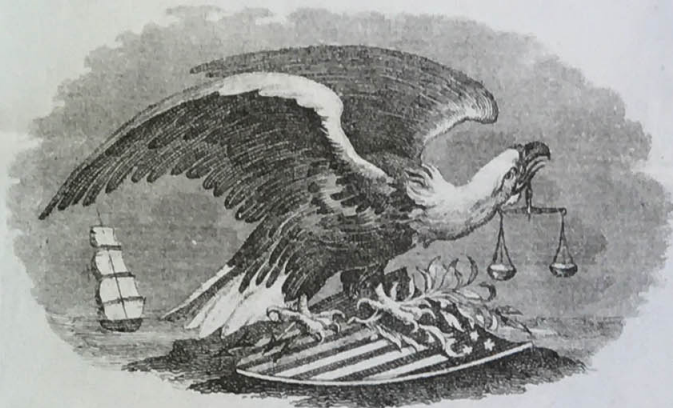
Henry Maemmer

Sept 13. 1858

Rec. Henry Coe

Staff & 3000 on
1st Brown 6⁰
N.Y.

ap St. Wright & Meason
State Texas. —



Philadelphia Oct. 19th 1858
Gov H. R. Runnels.
of the State of Texas.
Bought of **HENRY TROEMNER,**
MANUFACTURER OF SCALES & WEIGHTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
N^o 240 Market Street, above Seventh, South Side.

Twenty sets Standard weights & measures as per contract and Bills formerly rendered @ \$165. ⁰⁰ per set	3300000
Twenty packing Boxes. @ 38 ^{cts} .	7600
" " " @ 85 "	1700
To Insuring the above in Delaware Ins Co as per policy 3340- @ 37 ^{cts}	10020342480

Send per ship J. N. Harward
to care Greory & Farwell
New Orleans
and thence by Steamer to care
E. B. Nichols & Co
Galveston
40 Boxes
Texas

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a. Oct. 20. 1858.

Received of James Ross Snowden
Esq. Director of the Mint his draft in
my favor on Messrs L. H. Brown & Co. N.Y.
for three thousand dollars, - a/c standard
balances, weights and measures for the
State of Texas.

\$3,000

Henry Greener

Philadelphia Sep^r 13th 1858

To Jas. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

According to
your orders I have inspected the weights
and measures made by W. H. Tromner
for the State of Texas as follows -

15 Sets of Brass weights

15 20 lb " "

15 50 lb Iron "

15 20 lb " "

15 Sets of Liquid Measures

15 " " Dry "

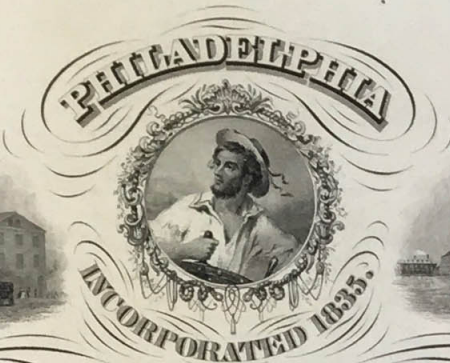
15 Iron Balances

15 Small Steel Balances

15 Brass Yard sticks

All of which I have found correct
Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Snowden
U. S. Mint



No. 889

This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That the

\$2500

Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company

By these Presents,

DO CAUSE

J. K. Runnels

to be

insured in the sum of

Twenty Five Hundred Dollars

lost or not lost, at and from

*Philadelphia to St Louis per R. R. Cars
and at and from thence, per Steam or Steel Boat or
Boats to Jefferson, Texas*

Torap of and Loss of any payable to J. K. Runnels

upon

Goods Valued at the Sum Insured

the

called the

whereof is Master for this present

TOUCHING the adventure upon the said Vessel as aforesaid; and upon the freight or property, from and immediately following the loading of said property on board said Vessel, and to continue during the voyage aforesaid on the Vessel, until she shall be arrived and moored at anchor twenty-four hours in safety, and on the freight and property, until the property shall be safely landed.

AND it shall be lawful for the said Vessel, in her voyage, to proceed and sail to, touch and stay at, any ports or places, if thereunto obliged by stress of weather or other unavoidable accidents, without prejudice to this Insurance. And in case of any loss or misfortune resulting from any peril insured against, the party insured engages for himself or themselves, his or their factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labour, travel for and use all reasonable and proper means for the security, preservation, relief and recovery, of the property insured, or any part thereof; to the charges whereof, the said Company engages to contribute in proportion as the sum insured bears to the whole sum at risk; and the acts of the Assured or Assurers, or of their joint or respective Agents, in preserving, securing, or saving the property insured in case of danger or disaster, shall not be considered or held to be a waiver or acceptance of abandonment. The Company having been paid the consideration for this Insurance by the Assured, or his or their Assigns, at the rate of

Three & three quarters per Cent

TOUCHING the adventures and perils which the said Insurance Company are contented to bear and take upon them; they are, of the Seas, Fires, Pirates, Rovers, Assaulting Thieves, Jettisons, and also Barratry of the Master or Mariners unless the Assured be owner or part owner of the vessel, (embezzlement and illicit trade excepted in all cases), and such other perils, losses or misfortunes, that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment, or damage of the said vessel, freight or property, or any part thereof, as may be assumed by this Policy and expressed therein. Provided, and it is expressly agreed, that the Insurers shall not be liable for damage or injury to goods by dampness, change of flavour, or by being spotted, discoloured, musty or mouldy, unless the same be caused by actual contact of sea water with the articles so damaged. And in case of partial loss by sea damage to dry goods, cutlery, or other hardware, the loss shall be ascertained by a separation of the damaged from the undamaged portion of the damaged package or packages respectively, and the sale of the damaged portion or portions only, and not otherwise; and the same practice shall obtain as to all other merchandise, so far as practicable. And provided also, that the said Company shall not be liable for any claim for, or loss by, seizure, capture or detention by any foreign power, or the consequences of any attempt thereof.

It is also agreed, that Bar, Bundle, Rod, Hoop and Sheet Iron; Wire of all kinds; Tin Plates; Steel; Madder; Sumac; Wickerware; Willow, manufactured or otherwise; Cheese; Salt; Grain of all kinds; Seeds of all kinds; Fruits, whether preserved or otherwise; Dry Fish; Vegetables and Roots, prepared or otherwise; Rags; Hempen Yarn; Bags; Cotton Bagging, and other articles used for Cotton Bagging; Pleasure Carriages; Household Furniture; Musical Instruments; Looking Glasses; Skins and Hides; and all articles perishable in their own nature, are warranted by the Assured free from average, (except general), unless it happen by stranding, and amount to twenty per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles. Hemp; Leaf Tobacco; Tobacco Stems; Bread; Indian Meal; Matting; and Cassia, (except in boxes), free from average (unless general) under fifteen per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles. Coffee, in bags or bulk; Pepper, in bags or bulk; Rice; Sugar; Flax; and Saltpetre, free from average (unless general) under seven per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles.

And in case of loss, such loss to be paid in sixty days after proof of loss, proof of interest, and adjustment exhibited to the Assurers; the amount of the premium, or the note given for the premium, if unpaid, and all sums due to the Company from the Assured, when such loss becomes due, being first deducted, and all sums coming due being first paid or secured to the satisfaction of the Assurers. But no loss or average shall in any case be paid under five per cent. on each passage, unless general.

Provided always, and it is further agreed, that if the said Assured shall have made any other assurance upon the premises aforesaid, prior in date to this Policy, then this Insurance Company shall be answerable only for so much of the amount as such prior insurance may be deficient towards fully covering the premises hereby insured, without any deduction for the insolvency of all or any of the Underwriters, and shall return the premium upon so much of the sum by them insured, as they shall be by such prior insurance exonerated from. And in case of any insurance upon the said premises subsequent in date to this Policy, this Insurance Company shall nevertheless be answerable for the full extent of the sum by them subscribed hereto, without right to claim contribution from such subsequent Assurers, and shall accordingly be entitled to retain the premium by them received, in the same manner as if no such subsequent assurance had been made.

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In witness whereof, The Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company have caused their common seal to be affixed to these Presents, in PHILADELPHIA, the

Twenty Eight day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and *Fifty Eight*

*\$2500 @ 3 3/4 % = \$95.75
\$24.75*

Wm. Horton

ATTEST,

Henry S. Green

Secretary.

President.

No. 46-839

August 28th 1858

THE
Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company,
Third and Walnut Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.

H. R. Runnels

Rail Road Cars &c

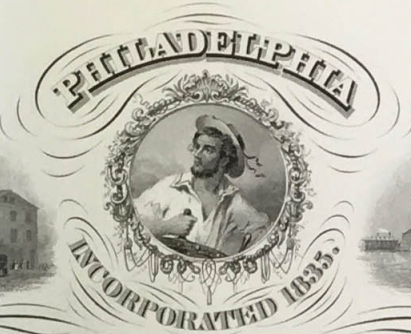
From Philadelphia

To Jefferson Texas

On Goods - 2500 Dollars.

Premium, 3 1/4 per cent. . . \$ 93.75
Policy, 1 00

DOLLARS 94.75
Rec'd. Prem.
Henry Ball
for Company



1840.966

This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That the

\$1660.

Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company.

By these Presents,

DO CAUSE

Insured in the sum of One thousand Six Hundred and Sixty dollars
lost or not lost, at and from Philadelphia to New York and at and from
thence per sailing Vessel to Port Lavaca Texas

Trasport Gov. H. R. Runnels
Loss if any payable to S. Ross Snowden

upon Standards Weights and Measures Val'd at \$1660 per
the Steamer called the _____ whereof is Master for this present

VOYAGE BEGINNING the adventure upon the said Vessel as aforesaid; and upon the freight or property, from and immediately following the loading of said property on board said Vessel, and to continue during the voyage aforesaid on the Vessel, until she shall be arrived and moored at anchor twenty-four hours in safety, and on the freight and property, until the property shall be safely landed.

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Three per Cent

TOUCHING the adventures and perils which the said Insurance Company are contented to bear and take upon them; they are, of the Sins, Fires, Pirates, Rovers, Assaulting Thieves, Jettisons, and also Barratry of the Master or Mariners unless the Assured be owner or part owner of the vessel, (embezzlement and illicit trade excepted in all cases), and such other perils, losses or misfortunes, that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment, or damage of the said vessel, freight or property, or any part thereof, as may be assumed by this Policy and expressed therein. **Provided**, and it is expressly agreed, that the Insurers shall not be liable for damage or injury to goods by dampness, change of flavour, or by being spotted, discoloured, musty or mouldy, unless the same be caused by actual contact of sea water with the articles so damaged. And in case of partial loss by sea damage to dry goods, cutlery, or other hardware, the loss shall be ascertained by a separation of the damaged from the undamaged portion of the damaged package or packages respectively, and the sale of the damaged portion or portions only, and not otherwise; and the same practice shall obtain as to all other merchandise, so far as practicable. **And provided also**, that the said Company shall not be liable for any claim for, or loss by, seizure, capture or detention by any foreign power, or the consequences of any attempt thereto.

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In witness whereof, **The Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company** have caused their common seal to be affixed to these Presents, in PHILADELPHIA, the _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____

September
1860

Wm. Martin

ATTEST,

Henry Lyburn

Secretary.

President.

No.

4966

Sept 13th 1858

THE
Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company,
 Third and Walnut Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.

J. Ross Snowden

Steamer

From *Phila d a*

To *New York &c &c*

On *Memphis* 1640 Dollars.

Premium, *Three* per cent. . . \$ *49.80*
 Policy, 1.00

DOLLARS

49.80

*Rec'd from J. Ross Snowden
 for the Company
 Sep 13/58.*



NP 40.949

This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That the

\$ 830.

Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company,

By these Presents,

DO CAUSE

insured in the sum of

lost or not lost, at and from

And at a price per Vessel and inland Conveyance to

For ap of Gov. H. K. Kunnels

Loss if any payable to James Ross Snowdon

to be

upon

the

called the

whereof is Master for this present

voyage

or whosoever else shall be Master of said Vessel, or by whatever other name or names the said Vessel, or Master thereof, shall be named or called:

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Six and a half per Cent

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day of

one thousand eight hundred and

Eighty Eight.

\$830 @ 6 1/2 % \$53.95

J. H. Hand

Vice President.

ATTEST,

Henry Lyburn

Secretary.

No. 40,949

September 10th 1888

THE
Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company,
Third and Walnut Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.

James Ross Snowden

Ship "Pleiades"

From Philada to N Orleans
atthence per vessel + inland convey
To Brownsville Texas

On Standard Lighter \$30 Dollars.

Premium, 6 1/2 per cent. . . . \$ 53.95
Policy, 1 00

DOLLARS

53.95

Rec'd Premium
Henry Hall
for Comfy

No. 41.336

October 18th 1858

THE
Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company,
Third and Walnut Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.

James Ross Snowden

Ship S. P. Harward

From Phila da

To New Orleans

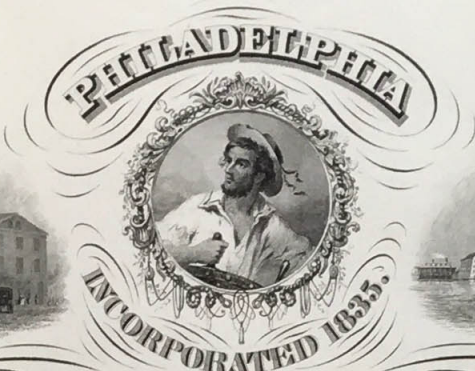
On Wdse \$340 Dollars.

Premium, Three per cent. . . \$ 100.20

Policy, 1.00

DOLLARS 100.20

Rec'd from
Henry Ball
for Compy



NR 41.336

This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That the

\$ 3340.

Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company.

By these Presents,

DO CAUSE

James Ross Snowden

to be

insured in the sum of

Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars

lost or not lost, at and from

Philad^a to New Orleans and at and from
thence by Steamer, or sail Vessel, to Galveston

State of Texas

Loss if any payable to James Ross Snowden

upon

Made Valued at the sum Insured

the

Ship

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To return a half per Cent if per Steamer from New Orleans to Galveston

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It is further agreed, that in case a total loss shall be claimed for or on account of any damage or charge to the said vessel, the only basis for ascertaining her value, shall be her valuation in this Policy, and if not valued herein, then her actual value at the port to which she belonged at the time of the inception of this risk. And it is also agreed, that if the above-named vessel, upon a regular survey, shall be declared unseaworthy by reason of her being unsound or rotten, or incapable of prosecuting her voyage, on account of her being unsound or rotten, then the Assurers shall not be responsible on this Policy. And if the voyage aforesaid shall have been begun, and shall have terminated before the date of this Policy, then there shall be no return of premium on account of such termination of the voyage.

And it is further agreed, that one-third shall be deducted from the cost of all repairs of injuries and losses on the vessel by the perils insured against (except on anchors and copper), as a commutation for the average difference between new and old, the remains of all articles replaced being considered as salvage, and accordingly deducted from the nett loss. And instead of deducting one-third from the cost of re-coppering, there shall be deducted two and a half per cent. of the nett cost of re-coppering, after deducting the value of the old copper and nails, for each and every month the copper shall have been on the vessel at the time when it is taken off, and if the copper shall have been on forty months or more, the cost of re-coppering shall be wholly excluded.

It is also agreed, that when the goods insured arrive at this port, no claim for loss or damage shall be allowed, unless the Assured, or consignee, give notice to this Company of the same, within ten days after the landing, and also of any public sale intended to be made in consequence of such loss or damage, at least two days previous to such sale, and that the Company are not liable for loss or damage by wet or exposure on goods insured as on deck.

It is also agreed, that no liability is incurred under this Policy for leakage on Molasses or other liquids, unless occasioned by stranding, or collision with another vessel.

It is further agreed, that the Assured shall not abandon in consequence of the port of destination being blockaded, but the vessel shall in such case, have the liberty to proceed to another port not blockaded, which shall be substituted for the blockaded port.

It is also agreed, that in all cases of return premium for short property or over insurance, ten per cent. of the return premium shall be retained by the Insurers.

It is also agreed, that no assignment of this Policy shall be valid, unless the premium has been paid or the note given therefor is further secured by a previous endorsement of the person or persons for whose benefit said assignment is intended, and unless the consent of the Insurers be first obtained.

In witness whereof, **The Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company** have caused their common seal to be affixed to these Presents, in PHILADELPHIA, the

Eighteenth

day of

October

one thousand eight hundred and

Eighty Eight

\$3340 @ 3% \$100.20

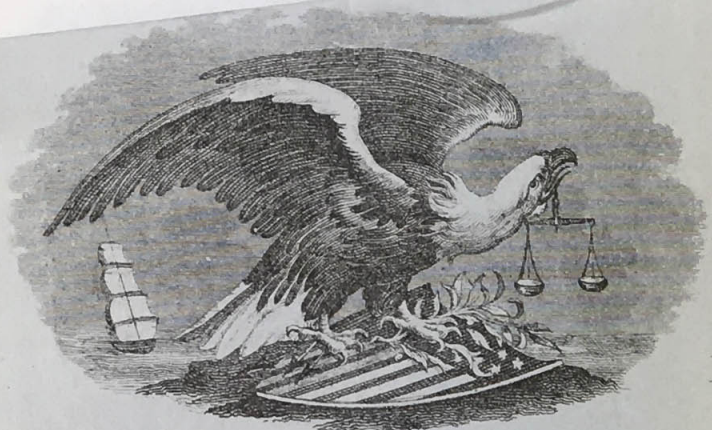
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Vice President.

ATTEST,

Emily Lyburn

Secretary.



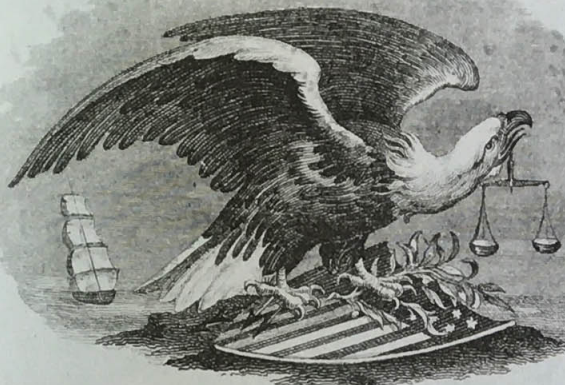
Philadelphia Sep. 13th 1858
 Gov. H. B. Runnels
of the State of Texas.
 Bought of **HENRY TROEMNER,**

MANUFACTURER OF SCALES & WEIGHTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Nº 240 Market Street, above Seventh, South Side.

Ten	sets Standard Weights and Measures as per contract and Bills formerly rendered at \$165. ⁰⁰ per set.	1650 00
Ten	Packing Boxes @ 38 ^{cts} .	3 80
"	" " " @ 85 "	8 50
To	Insuring the above in Delaware Ins. Co. as per Policy (\$1660. ⁰⁰ @ 3%)	49 80
		<u>1712 10</u>

Sent per Steamer to New York
 care A. S. Peck & Co.
 thence by sail vessel to
 care Bouquet & Walker.
 Port La Vaca
 Texas.



Philadelphia Sep. 10th 1858.
 Gov. H. R. Runnels,
of the State of Texas.
 Bought of **HENRY TROEMNER,**

MANUFACTURER OF SCALES & WEIGHTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Nº 240 Market Street, above Seventh, South Side.

Five sets Standard Weights and Measures, as per contract, and Bills formerly rendered. at \$165.00 per set.		825 00
Five packing Boxes	@ 38 cts.	190
" " "	@ 85 cts.	425
To Insuring the above in Delaware Ins. Co. as per Policy (\$83000. @ 6 1/2 %)		<u>53 95</u> \$835 10

Send per Ship "Pleiades"
 to New Orleans
 care Breton & Wusthoff.
 Gov. H. R. Runnels.
 care S. Powers.
 Brownsville
 Texas.

Philadelphia August 23 1858
the State of Texas Bought of
Henry Hoemmer
15 Set of Standard Weights &
Measures at \$165 a set \$24.75

Per spec \$2.000

Henry Hoemmer

Rec. H. Loomer
\$3000—

Aug 23, 1838.

a/c
Weigher & measurer
State Texas—

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / HENRY TROEMNER, WEIGHTS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/APRIL

part 1

APRIL-30, 1858

To

Sec Treasury

Washington

Monthly Reports.

Apr 30, 1858.

April 30. 8.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

In Gold Coins	\$ 24,823.00
" Silver Coins	307,076.16
" Five Cents	5.02
" Ordinary Fund	43,578.96
" Repair Fund	18.66
" Sanitary Relief Fund	24.59
Total	<u>\$375,526.39</u>

Corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

The balance in the hands of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States at the same time, was found to be \$327,642.99 in gold and silver coins agreeing with his account books in his

office.

An examination into the condition of
the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is conducted
with fidelity and care and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel Rockwell
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

April 30. 8.

Sir.

The enclosed statement exhibits
the deposits and coinage at the Mint during
the month ending today.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel Repenchen.
Attender of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

ⁿ
Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 30 1838

Hon Daniel Sturgeon
Treas U S Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

Your Bullion
account for the first quarter of 1838
has been received

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
L S Munn
Auditor

From

J L Smith

Auditor

April 30 1858

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 30th 1858

Sir. I am in receipt this day
of \$50.000 Gold Coins for balance
Invoice No 187 and \$37.525.90 in
Silver in full for Invoice No 191 -

Very respectfully
J. W. J. Cisco
Master

Paul Sturgeon Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
J. J. Cress, Esq

New York

Pres

May 1/58

Dear Mr. [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

U. S. Mint,
Chief Coiner's Office,
April 30 1858.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq:
Director of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia -
Dear Sir:

I respectfully beg leave to report that the duties of the operations in the Rolling, Cutting, Annealing, Whitening, Coining, and other Departments under my care, have been performed with their usual attention and despatch.

The Cast Steel Rolls received from New Blattle & Johnston, Waterbury, Conn^t., on being tested, have proved unsatisfactory. They are not true on the face, and, will have to be re-ground from the Journals, before being used for small coin. The same fault is discovered in the Roll received from Pittsburg.

The new method of cleaning the cast planchets seems to improve, and prevents the gumming up of the dies, giving a clearer surface ~~to the~~ coin, and bringing the device up much sharper, than the old mode. If this plan be continued, more complete arrangements will be needed. I am so much cramped for room in my department that I expect it will be necessary to ask the permission of the Melt & Refiner, J. C. Booth Esq., to use a part of his Refinery for the purpose. All of which is respectfully

Submitted by

Your friend & obed^t serv^t

Geo T Phillips
Chief Clerk

Report:
Chief Comer
April 1858.

Melter & Refiner
&
Coiners Reports

Copied

RECEIVED FROM TREASURER.

OUNCES.

DEC.

DELIVERED TO TREASURER.

OUNCES.

DEC.

COINER'S MONTHLY REPORT

— THE —

182 Ingots for Half Dollars
187 " " Denies

6 136 80

7 942 00

14 078 80

Add amounts on hand, April 1st.

Clippings, chips & Condemned Coins
Coins, Half Dollars

14 147 10

125 45

28 351 35

6000 Half Dollars \$3,000
30,000 Denies 3,000

2 400 00

2 400 00

Clippings &c \$6,000

4 800 00

14 147 10

18 947 10

Amounts on hand, as follows:

Coins. Half Dollars
" Denies

1 141 78

1 340 62

Clippings, &c.

6 902 00

Filings collected during the month.

14 91

Losses as shown by Working Book.

4 94

28 351 35

(Signed) J. M. Eckfeldt
Coiner

COINER'S MONTHLY REPORT

—TO THE—

SUPERINTENDENT.

April 30th 1858

SILVER.

RECEIVED FROM TREASURER.	DRC.	DELIVERED TO TREASURER.	DRC.
	6 136 80	5000 Half Dollars	2 14 00
	7 442 00	30.000 Coins	2 14 00
	14 078 80	10.000	4 80 00
		<i>Clipping 80</i>	14 14 00
		<i>Coins are paid in full</i>	1 80 00
	14 107 10	<i>Coins 1/2 Half Dollars</i>	1 14 00
	122 43	<i>Clipping 2</i>	1 14 00
		<i>Clipping collected during the month</i>	1 14 00
		<i>Coins as shown by Working Book</i>	1 14 00
	28 301 30		28 30

(Signed) C. H. Coffey

Cash

COINER'S MONTHLY REPORT
TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT.
GOLD.

RECEIVED FROM TREASURER.

OUNCES.

DEC.

DELIVERED TO TREASURER.

OUNCES.

DEC.

2831 Ingots for Double Eagles

Add amounts on hand, April. 1st.

134 Ingots for Double Eagles

Adjusted Blanks ready for coinage

Coins Double Eagles

191 063 79

9 071 75

2 864 68

1 531 17

204 531 39

101.000 Double Eagles \$2.020,000.
Clippings

Amounts on hand, as follows:

Coins. Double Eagles

~~Clippings~~, & Blanks ready for coinage

Filings collected during the month.

Losses as shown by Working Book.

108 575 00

89 614 52

198 189 52

1 010 36

5 176 28

148 96

6 27

204 531 39

(Signed)

J. M. Eckfeldt
Coiner

RECEIVED FROM TREASURER.
ORIGINAL
DELIVERED TO TREASURER.

COINER'S MONTHLY REPORT
—TO THE—
SUPERINTENDENT.

April 30th 1858

GOLD.

Cash

Melter & Refiners Office
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cal., April 30th 1858.

Standard Gold rec^d from the Treas^r during the Month ending this day
Viz - In Deposits 119.534.904
Parted from Silver 133.187
Clippings 89.614.520
(Limit 418.565) Total 209.282.611

Ingot^s delivered to Treas^r 191.063.790
" On hand 10.471.680.201,535.470
Gold rec^d during the month in course of manufacture 7.747.141

Aggregate daily apparent losses - - - - - 425.000
Amount recovered 395.000
Ultimate Apparent loss for the moth (1/4) 30.000

Standard Silver rec^d during the Month 30.183.53
" " Returned " " 23.047.57
" " of the month remaining on hand 7.135.96

Respectfully submitted
(signed)

L. A. Garnett
Melter & Refiner

T. C. A. Hempstead Esq
Superintendent &c &c

^{copy}
Melter & Refiners Statement
For the month Ending
30th April 1858

APRIL-29-1858

To the Director of U.S. Mint
Sir

Will
you oblige by making an assay
of the enclosed silver, as a question
in regard to its quality is raised
and I am anxious to have it decided
by a competent authority from which
there can be no appeal. The quantity
is thousands if you please.

Yours Respy

M. G. Carey
& Rendel

New York April 27/58

Two assays, $997\frac{3}{4}$, and 998 - there
may be a slight want of homogeneity
in the metal.
Assayers U.S.M.

Tom L

Mr M Gibney
New York

Assay of Silver

April 30. 1856.

April 30, 8

Sir,

I caused two assays to be made
of the silver enclosed in Your letter of the 27th
inst with the following results

1 st assay,	997 $\frac{3}{4}$ thousandths
2 ^d "	998 "

It is proper to state that there
may be a slight want of homogeneity in the
metal.

I am, very Respectfully,
S. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. M. Libney,
No. 8 Reade St.
New York.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 29th 1858

Sir. I enclose herewith Bill Lading
for 16 empty kegs shipped this day
per Boat "M. A. Kindan", for Phila
to your address -
Very respectfully,

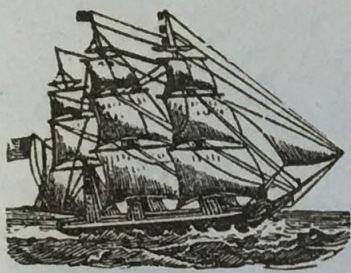
Wm. J. C. Waco
Treasurer.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Near U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
J. J. Cisco, Esq
New York

Recd

ap 30/58



Chatterton & Brother, Printers,

H A N D ' S L I N E .

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PACKET OFFICE,
HERRICK BUILDING,

23 SOUTH STREET, cor. Coenties Slip.

CONTENTS AND CONDITIONS UNKNOWN
TO SIGNERS.

New-York, *April 29th* 1858

Received in good order from *Asst. Treasurer U.S.*
on board the *Ship "W.H. Kendall" Shankland* Master,
the following Packages, viz.:

*Marked
J. J. Cisco*

Sixty six Empty Kegs

which I promise to deliver in *Philadelphia* in the order
received (dangers of navigation, and other unavoidable accidents excepted,) unto
U.S. Mint he or they paying freight for the same.

Four chr for Key

For Captain.

Crane

Washington (D.C.)
Western R. I. Feb 29. 1838.

Gen. Robt Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,

On the 22^d of

February last I forwarded to you by
express Fifty dollars in Spanish Quarter
dolls & smaller pieces - to be exchanged
for New Cents - Please advise
me whether the parcel was rec^d by
you, & when returns will be
made; and oblige

Yours to
Charles Pennington

Wm. T.
Chas. Perry Esq
Asterbury R. I.

Rept. deposit

Apr 5. 1858.

April 5.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 29th
ult: I have to state that the deposit you
refer to does not appear to have been received
at the Mint. It will be well for you to call
the attention of the Express Co; to whom you entrusted
the packages, to the fact.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. A. Harrison
Director of the Mint.

Charles Perry Cash?
Washington Post
Worcester, R. I.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 28th 1858

Sir, I am in receipt this day of
\$32,928.54 Silver Coins in full for
Invoice No 190 -

Very respectfully,

Wm. J. C. W.

Measura

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Near U. S. Mint
Philad^a

From

John J. Leisco
New York
April 28th 1858

Chief Carriers Department
April. 28th 1858-

To

I Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

For the month
of April in making up my return
of workmens time I find the following
persons have been absent without
excuse -

Miss Genroy -	1 day
" R Dorff -	1 "
" Elsegood -	1 "
" Bartley -	1 "
" Jeffries -	1 "
" Patton -	1 "
" Shoemaker -	1 "
" C Thorn -	1 "

George Mulholland - 3 days

A. Stackett - 2 "

A Mc Mann - 1 "

J Tompkins 4 "

The case of Tompkins you have informed
me will be held under advisement until
tomorrow

Respy

Charles Lincoln
Asst to Chief Carrier

April 14th

Post-Office, HALIFAX, MASS., }

Apr 27 185P. }

Directo U.S. Mint.

Sir - I forward herewith
20 spanish quaters - of the value
of 35 cts. each. Will you please
send me in return, new cents
to their value. Forward by
the Adams Express Co., addressed
"Post-Office.

"Halifax.

"Plymouth Co.,

"Massachusetts."

Very Respectfully Yours

Rec'd the above amt of Eliab Poole P.W.
Five dollars for Exchange Per H.W.P.
Geo. Thompson
for Adams Ex Co.

Mr
Master
Hull
Mass

#3 Sp Quarters
Endued for
new cuts. - Hand
Sam & Adams
Ex Co.

Apr 29, 1856

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5
APRIL 27TH 18~~4~~8

April 27. 48.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 24th inst.

Enclosed please find impressions of the Washington cents of 1791 and half penny, 1793.

In the copy of the statement I sent you I notice a clerical error. In reply no 3. it is stated that there is a Washington half ^{in the Mint Cabinet} penny of 1791. It should have been stated half ~~penny~~ ^{cent} of 1793.

I am, Very Respectfully,

James R. Rowland
Director of the Mint.

John N. Hickox Esq.
State Librarian,
Albany,
N.Y.

Treasury Department
April 27. 1858.

Sir -

The enclosed dime has been received by the Treasurer. It appears to be several grains too light. Be pleased to have it examined and to state how it is that light coins are occasionally put into circulation from the Mint.

I am very Res^d.

Howell Cobb
Sec of the Treasury.

Wm. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

From T. S.
Sec Treasury

Enclosing find
piece of Defection

Weight. —

Directors reply
enclosed

Apr 29, 1858.

April 29. 8.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 27th inst. enclosing a defective dime which had been received by the Treasurer of the U. States:

The piece has been coined from the end of the strip of metal which is called the point and is made thinner than the other part of the strip in order that the jaws of the drawing tongs may take hold of it and draw out the metal to a proper thickness. This point ought not to be cut into planchets, and if so done it is the result of inattention. The Chief Coiner is absent from the Mint on account of sickness, but his explanation of this matter, in a similar case, is contained in his report which accompanied a communication which I made to the Department on the 25th of February last to which I beg to refer. The order therein referred to, to cut off the points before the strips are carried to the cutting presses, will doubtless prevent the recurrence of cases of this kind.

The dime sent to me was coined in 1857

(S. J. W.) James Ross Smither
Director

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 27th 1858

Sir I enclose herewith Invoices & Receipt
for 2 Boxes Gold Bullion 5042.45 grs, \$102.678.35
And 15 " Silver " 29515.70 grs, 37.525.90
sent this day by Adams Express Company, for
which I will thank you to remit in North Eagles
for the Gold, and for the Silver
\$25.000 in Half Dollars
& the balance in Quarters

Very respectfully J. M. Cisco

Measur.

Don't Sturgeon Esq,
Measur U. S. Mint
Phinda.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 191. 192 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Two Boxes containing 5042.45 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gold Bullion,
Fifteen " " 29515.70 $\frac{1}{2}$ Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$140,204.25
One Hundred & forty thousand two hundred
and four 25/100 Dollars, a

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 27th 1858
Adams Express Co J. Babcock

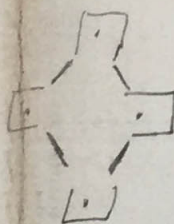
From

J. J. Cisco, Esq

New York

Recd

ap 28/58



To the Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Sir,

Since the new cents have come into use, it has occurred to me that were they of the size and thickness of the old half-cent pieces, they would be more conveniently handled than now. When mingled with the other coin, they are so near the size of the dimes, and color too when new, they are less readily told from them, in dim light. But if of the size I have mentioned, they would, whilst containing more copper, be less near the color of the silver coin, and the distinction quickened.

I have thus taken the liberty to suggest to you my own views of a change for the better, as I believe, in the size of the copper coin; and should you deem the change advisable, it would add, if carried out, to more common convenience.

Very respectfully,

William Wyman.

Charlestown, Mass., }
April 27th, 1858. }

From
Hymen
Charles Town
Mass

Suggesting increase
of size of new cent
piece

June 29, 1886 -

APRIL-26-1858

To
John C. Ramsey
Rt.bury
Pa

Request accepted
duplicate bills

Apr 26. 1838.

April 24. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have received your bill for
chilled roll, receipted by Mr D. H. Toomey. As
the Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department
require all bills to be receipted by the parties in
whose name they are made, I will thank you
to send duplicate bills, for a/c of 2nd Lt. receipted
by yourself.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Browder.
Director of the Mint.

Wm. J. Parry Esq.
Pittsburgh,
Pa.

1st

Exchange for

\$15.00



NEW YORK

April 20 1850

B. BEREND & CO.

At days after sight of this **FIRST**
 of Exchange (Second & Third unpaid) pay to the Order of
 L. F. Lawrence & Co.

Fifteen Dollars, sixty nine cents

Value received and charge the same to account of

Sam Harris Marchant & Co

Sacramento Ca.

Sam. H.

1st

7/20/51

Pay W J Walton & Co
or order
L J Lawrence
Chas Walton & Co.

Pay Alta Express Co \$15.69
with Expenses 1.00
716.69

No. *314A*. *(Duplicate)* MEMORANDUM of GOLD BULLION deposited at the UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE,
 at New-York, the *26.* day of *March* 1858, by *B. Beaud & Co*

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	IRIDIUM.	WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	VALUE OF THE GOLD.		SILVER PARTED FROM THE GOLD.		PREMIUM ON SILVER.		DEDUCTIONS.		NET VALUE.			
		BEFORE MELTING.			AFTER MELTING.		FINENESS.		VALUE.		5% DEF. COIN.		For Parting, Coinage and Fine Bars.		NET VALUE.	
		Ounces.	Dec.		Ounces.	Dec.	1000ths.	Dollars.	Cents.	1000ths.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
California.		126209		126111		861½	22458	83 127	19288	1013	7694		22584	90		
Grains, Lumps.																
Coins, Bars.																
Duplicate.																

Duplicate.

I Certify that the net amount of the above deposit is *Twenty-two* thousand *five* hundred and *eighty-four* ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars,

payable at the U. S. Assay Office, only on presentation of the Receipt, of a corresponding date and number, heretofore issued—viz: in Gold Coins, \$ *—* in Gold Bars, \$ *22584.90*

24)
$$\begin{array}{r} 1262.09 \\ 1261.11 \\ \hline .98 = 8/100 \text{ per cent.} \end{array}$$

Ces. W. Edelman
 For Treasurer of the Assay Office,

2 Bars of Ham & Merchants Co

8014. 633.85. 860. 11268.45

8016. 628.15. 863. 11206.07

q. 1262.00 \$ 22474.53

M.C. " 1262.09 " 22458.80

3/4 a

difference \$ 15.69

\$ 655.98

12. Store Street. Bedford Square.

London 24. March. 1858

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of Bill of Exchange for £35. 10. 4
being the amount of steel; for assay,
Balance etc. I have herewith enclosed
stamped receipt in duplicate.

With thanks

I remain

Sir

Yours Obediently
Ludwig Oertling

J. R. Snowden Esq

Of
Wm Ludwig Berling
London

Enclosing Receipt
for Assay Balance

April 13. 1858.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 24th 1858

Sir. I have received this day per
Adams Express Co. \$100.382. & 6 Silver Coin
in full for Interest No 189.

Very respectfully

Wm. J. May
Treasurer

Dan Singleton Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Chicago

From

Geo. J. C. W. W. W.
New York

Recd

Apr 26/58

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY



Regents of the University of the State of New York
(ex officio)

TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY

Albany Apr. 24 1858

Hon. J. Ross Snowden

Dear Sir,

Your favor in
reply to my queries on Coins of the U.S. came
duly to hand and has proved highly
acceptable & I beg you to be assured
that I appreciate your attention.

I have now to ask
that you will allow me to have rubbings
of the Dms Washington Cents of 1791 and
half pennies of the same date, which are

From To
State Librarian
Albany
N.Y.

Impression of Washington
Cent, in Mount Cabinet
Requested & Sent

1858
Apr 27. 1858
WASHINGTON CENT
OF 1791
HALF CENT OF 1793

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
April 23^d 1858.

Daniel Gurgeon Esq
Treas^r Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your a/c of Gold, Silver and Cent Bullion
for the quarter ending 31st Dec^r 1857, has been ad-
justed at the Treasury and the following found
to be the balance in your hands on that date.

Gold Bullion		\$ 169.343.13
Silver	Do	1.261.789.58
Cent	Do	129.619.89
Gold Coinage		79.532.11
Silver	Do	513.292.02
Cent	Do	3.62

\$ 2.153.580.35

which differs from the balance found by you, and
concurred in by the First Auditor, (namely \$2,153,450.75),
in the sum of \$129.60.. This difference is explained
as follows:

Error in bringing forward the balance of

Silver Coinage on hand 30th Sept '57. Amt bro't forward
\$197.555.05 instead of \$197.684.65.

Very Respectfully

Your obt serv't

W. M. R. W.

Comptroller.

From

W. Medill, Compt

Washington

Recd

Apr. 24/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 22^d 1858

Sir I am in receipt this day from
Adam & Price Co. of \$52,444.51 gold coins
on a/c of Invoice No 187, and \$47,697.40
silver coins, Amount of Invoice No 188 -

Very respectfully,
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

From

J. J. Cisco, Inc.
New York

Rec'd

ap 24/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 28 1858

Sir
I inclose herewith Invoice and
Receipt for 14 Boxes Silver Bullion,
weighing 27,427.05 oz. Net Value
\$32,928.54 for which please remit
in Quarter Dollars \$20,000
" Half " 12,928.54

Very respectfully
J. H. J. C. S.
Assumed

Paul Sturgeon Esq.
Treas U. S. Mint
Philad

No. 190

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Fifteen Boxes containing _____ Gold Bullion,
 " " 27,427.05 lbs Silver "
 Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 22,928.54
 Twenty two thousand Nine hundred and
 twenty eight 54/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars

New York, April 25 1858

Adams Express Co

J. J. Babcock

From

J. J. Lewis Esq

New York

Recd

Apr 24/58

JMC

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office

April 23^d 1858.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:-

Your ac with the U. S. for the manufacture
of medals for the 3^d & 4th Qrs 1857 has this day been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found
due the United States of \$1940.11
agreeing with your statement.

I am very respectfully

Your obt servt

W. M. R. D

Comptroller

From
Comptroller's Department
Washington City

Adjustment of marine
account 3^d + 4th Qr
1837. —

Apri 23, 1838. —

APRIL 22 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 22 1858.

Sir,

A shipment of 184 ^{from Br. Mint S. G. made} Bbls Suezs, shipped
per Ship "Fly Away" in December last, and consigned
to You, is now about due at Your Port. I
will thank You to inform me whether You
have received from the Supt of the above Br Mint
~~the~~ the bills of lading ~~& Invoice~~ for the Suezs referred to
and the Invoice thereof.

To J. J. Putnam to
Supr My Office
N. Y.

Respecting 184 PMs
Suprs run due at
that post from
Cal^a.

Apr 22, 1852.

April 22. 8.

Sir,

A shipment of 184 Bbls. sugar, from the Branch
at San Francisco, made in December last per ship
"Flyaway," and consigned to you, is now about due
at Your Port. Be pleased to inform me whether
You have received from the Superintendent of the above
Branch Mint, a bill of lading for the sugar referred
to and Invoice thereof.

Yours faithfully,
James R. R. R.

Accepted for deposit

Wm. Wm.

APRIL-22-1858

Prof Treasury

Requisition for
\$47,225—

April 22, 1858,

Apr 22. 8.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Forty seven thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$47,225,) payable out of the appropriation made for the support of the institution for the present fiscal year, viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
" Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	18,700.00
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	18,750.00
" Freight on Bullion	2,500.00
" Specimens of Coins & Coins	300.00
	\$47,225.00

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Bowdler,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Post-Office, HALIFAX, MASS., }

Apr. 22 185. }

Sir -

Will you have the goodness
to inform me, if you still con-
tinue to receive Spanish coin
at par for the new cents.

How shall the Spanish money
be sent you, and at what point
do you deliver the cents.

Please inform me, and thus
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Yours Respectfully

Eliab Poole
Postmaster
P. M. H. M. S.

Director of U. S. Mint
Phila.

J
M. B. P.

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Mass.

Exchange
ten cents,

April 24. 1885.

Watubury April 21st 1848

Col James Ross Snowden Director of
Mint of the U.S.

Dear Sir

We shall send one box tomorrow containing
one chilled Iron roll, to replace the one broken about
the 5th of March last, of which we were informed
by letter of Mr Childs, of that date. The box is
directed - Mint of the United States, Phil^a. P. A.
By Rail Road

Yours Very truly

Blake & Johnson
J. T. Blake Print^r

P.S.

We make no charge for
the roll, sent as above }

From Messrs Blakely & Johnson
Haverbury
Conn

Roll forwarded
for must to replace
broken one. - No
change made therefor

April 24, 1838

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 21st 1858

Sir. I have this day received of Adams
Express Co \$50,000 gold Coins in full
for balance due on Invoice No 186 -

Inclosed you have Invoice and Receipt
for 22 Boxes Silver Bullion, Gross Weight
45,783.10 lbs Net Value \$60,382.26
for which please remit

\$10,000 in Dollars
20,000 in Half Dollars
40,382.26 Quarter Dollars

Very respectfully,
J. H. S. C. C.
Messrs

Paul Sturgeon Esq.
Messrs U. S. Mint
Chicago

From

A. I. Curtis Tracy

New York

Recd

ap 22/58

No. 189 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Twenty } Box containing Gold Bullion,
two } " " 45.763.10 g/s Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 60,382.46
Sixty thousand three hundred & eighty
two 46/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 21st 1855
Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

Post Office, Philadelphia,

April 31 1858

Hon J. Ruf Snowden
Director
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

On the 15th I rec'd by mail
a small package from Walworth N.Y. without
address. Upon inquiry of the Postmaster
there I learn that the package is for the
"United States Mint"; but whether for the Treasr.
or for the Director, or for what, I have no
knowledge.

Please direct your messengers
to call at the Chief Clerk's Desk for it

Respectfully

Edwin G. Westcott DM
per W. H. H. H.

From

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P.M. Sue^a

Respectfully
for Rags Silver
from P. M. Wallcut
N.Y.

Note. - Five Dollars in
Spanish Dollars, obtained
from P.O. and given to
Mr. Thompson (A. E. C.)
to deposit for exchange
for new ones

April 22, 1854.

Mint of the U. States.
Philad^a. April 21, 1858.

Dear Sir

I have to request
that hereafter no deposit
of gold on Silver, nor
any part thereof, be
permitted ^{exchanged to coin} ~~to be withdrawn~~
after the same has been
received.

Very Respectfully
your obt^d servant,

Samuel R. Henden

C. L. Van Dine Director of the Mint.
Treasurer of the Mint.

Order
To Treasurer of the Mint

Prohibiting Exchange
of deposits for gold
and silver for coin
in the United
States

April 21, 1851.

Oxford Md
Apr 21 1858

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I received
your letter of 5th ult. containing an
estimate of the cost of making
medals for the U. S. Ag. Society -

I wrote at once to Mr J M Gowen
of your city a member of the executive
committee requesting him to con-
fer with you -

Having received no reply
I now write to request that if they
have not been made, you will have
them done at once and sent to
the secretary of the Society, Maj. B. P
Poore - 35th Pa. Av Washington D.C.

It is very important to the Society

to reduce the cost as far as is consistent with a proper execution of the work, which I presume may be done by adopted the minimum thickness which has been found to answer -

If you have received directions in regard to the number of medals from Mr Wilder, May Poore or Mr M^r Gowan you will please conform to them.

If you have received no directions you will please make

3	Gold Medals	(Three)
36	Silver do	(Thirty six)
26	Bronze do	(Twenty six)

very respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

Leach Wilburham
Pres. U. S. Ag Society -

From Gen. S. Pilgham
Oxford
Ms

Orders certain medals
made for W. S. Apple
Society and gives
directions for
forwarding same

April 24, 1838.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 20th 1858

Sir
\$50000 Gold Coins on account of Invoice
No 186

Very respectfully
J. H. Cisco
Warrant.

Daniel Stinson Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jno. J. Cisco, Esq
New York

Recd

ap 21/58

APRIL-19-1858

1858

Pittsburg Apr 19th 1858

Mr James P. Snowden

Sir

I have valued on you this
day at three days after sight for amount of account
\$ 62¹¹/₁₀₀ as per Bill Feb 2nd last knowing Wendell Sam is in
funds when ever we run short we know and that
we have any claim we make a sure thing on him
I trust if you need any more Bulls you would
order on us with my best respects

Remain yours &c
John C Parry
By D H Gormy

April 21. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th inst.

Please send me receipted duplicate bills for chilled roll furnished this plant in February last.

Your draft (at three days sight,) for amount of bill above requested has been accepted.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel Ross Snowden

Director of the plant.

John C. Parry Esq.,
Pittsburgh,
Pa.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 19th 1858

Sir,
I have herewith Invoice & Receipt
for 20 Boxes Silver Bullion, shipped per
Adams & Co Express Co this day, at value
\$47,697.^{40/100}, for which please remit
\$20,000 in half, and the balance in Quarter
dollars.

Very respectfully
Wm. J. C. Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

No. 188

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
Twenty " " \$8951.92 00 Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$47,697.40
Forty seven thousand, six hundred and
ninety seven 40/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 19th 1858

Adams Express Co John J. Cisco

From

J. J. C. C. C. C. C.

New York

Recd

ap 20/58

APRIL-17-1854

To

Wm J Wells

Grand Rapids

Mich

\$50 in new
cents forwarded

April 29, 1854.

BANKING & COLLECTION OFFICE

OF

William J. Welles.

Collections Promptly attended to, and Proceeds Remitted at Current Rates of Exchange.

Grand Rapids, Mich. April 17 1858

References. { Duncan, Sherman & Co.
Geo. Smith & Co. Chicago.
Michigan Insurance Co. Detroit.
E. J. Tinkham & Co. Chicago.
Peninsular Bank, Detroit.

N. Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith for

~~collection and my credit~~

my #435. on Metrop Bk. N.Y. \$50.

For avails of which please send
me by Express cents of the new
coinage.

Respy.

Wm J. Welles
per Agent

April 29. 8.

Sir,

I send you to day per Adams Express Co. (freight paid)
fifty dollars in cents of the new issue, being proceeds of draft
on N.Y. for that amount enclosed in your favor of the
17th inst.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

William F. Keller Esq.
Panther, Grand Rapids,
Mich.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/APRIL

part 1

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Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 17th 1858

Sir, I am in receipt this day from
Adams Express Co of \$182.790 $\frac{50}{100}$ in
Gold Coins on acc of Invoice No 186, and
\$40.632 $\frac{75}{100}$ Silver Coins in payment of
Invoice No 185 -

Very respectfully

Facet Bussell
Acting Treasurer

Daniel S. Surgeson Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mining

From
J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd
ap 19/58

Cumberland Mds
April 16th 1838

Dear Sir

We have on hand
which we wish to Exchange for
"Cents" under the recent law of
Congress about fifty dollars Span-
ish Coin

At what rate per Troy ounce
do receive it now in Exchange
for cents? —

Your early reply will
much oblige you truly

Healey & Shriver

Circular sent

From

Italy & Schain

Bumaland

Me.

Exchange on Silver

April 21, 1858.—

Phil^a April. 15. 1858

To Col. Ross Snowden

Dear

I wish to inform you that Mr John H Brady, who holds a position in the Mint has been imposing upon the People for sometime. He was elected to the office of Assessor of the Eighth Ward last Spring, and has never resigned that office which can be proven by the Books of the City - Commissioners office were such resignation would be recorded. He has now received the nomination for Assessor for 1858. I Presume that you did not know anything about it or you would not have appointed him to an office in direct opposition to the constitution of the U. S. and the Act of Consolidation of the City of Philad. I assure you that this matter is watched by

Many Democrats

Anonymous

Imitation
15 John W. Brady

Apr 16. 1858.

Depository office

Walter April 13th 1858.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 14th in relation to the transmission of \$1030 in silver and copper change to this office per the Adams Express Co. The amount was delivered here this morning.

Very respectfully

Yr. obs. servt.

Geo. Thompson Mason
Coll. & Depository

of

Wm. Sturgens Esq
Pres. N. S. Minn
Philadelphia

From

J. T. Mason

depos^d

Baltimore

Recd

ap. 16/58

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 15 1858

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your letter of the 13th
instant enclosing the receipt of L Oertling
has been received

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
by
Edmund
Auditor

Irony

J. L. Smith, Esq

1st. and

Washington

Recd

Ap. 17/58

The bars are lead, and as free from precious metals as the ordinary lead of commerce.

The rock is a sulphuret of iron, with a mere trace of nickel.

reply as above May 22, 1838.

Norwich Town April 15 1838
J L Snawdon Esq.

Esteemed Sir:

Having a small quantity of Ore
which I wish to have tested, and being informed
that we could have it assayed at the mint,
I shall forward a small box by Express,
the 15th and if it is not against the rules
of the department, to inform me the price
~~of~~ of assaying if permitted by Government,
as we wish to ascertain the per cent and
the qualities of Ore, we have extracted
Gold Silver and we think Nickel, but
the per cent we can't get, I shall send a
few ounces in the box, that we have melted,
and ~~a~~ some of the rock that it was taken
from. Please answer on the receipt of
the box, and the time we are to look for
an answer.

Respectfully yours

J L Snawdon

Geo M Roberts

From
J. L. Linnam
Esq. M. Roberts

Assay of the
newly

Apr 16. 1854.

Buffalo April 15, 1858
To Sup^r of U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir, Having a
quantity of Spanish & Mexican
silver on hand and not knowing
the value thereof by having
them coined to American
coin I would be much obliged
to you for information in
regard to it. I have been in-
formed that you paid 25 cents
for every Spanish quarter & 12½
for shillings in American cents
to a certain amount, if it
is so please let me know
of your rules in general and
Much Obidege

Most Respectfully yours
Geo. L. Habensro::

Circulars Sent

From, Jos L Halsey
Buffalo
N.Y.

Exchange
men etc

April 20, 1858.

Office of Troy Gas Light Company,

TROY. N. Y.,

April 18th 1859

Dear Sir

Can I trespass upon your
time by getting the information asked for in
this. Not being sure from any thing
I can obtain here, I write direct to you.

Being anxious to get rid of the old Copper
Cent the market here being flooded with them
I have agreed with others to save all of
the Copper Cent and return to the Mint for
exchange in receiving the new (cent) coin.
By taking a similar course last
season we completely drove the Spanish silver
coin out of this vicinity, they being quite a
rarity here now. The questions I have asked
on the following page, if you can have answered
will greatly oblige many, but especially your
Obedt servt

O. O. Smith
Superintendent

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From Supr Eng'g Light Co.

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Instructions Answered
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April 18, 1854

Josiah Lee Johnston.

Henry C. Johnston.

Banking House of
Johnston Brothers & Co.

Baltimore, Apr 1st 1858

Mr Dan Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have your esteemed

favor of

Our friends
Messrs Van Rleck, Read & Osceola
of New York. will forward
you an Invoice of Gold
Bars for our account. which
as her statements herein encl
sed. are valued at \$2134⁷⁴

We will thank you when
they come to hand to coin them
into Double Eagles and send
us receipt.

Respy
Johnston Bros & Co

This deposit was made to day by Chase
Drexel & Co, I suppose for they deposited 3 bars of corresponding weight
not coming through the Express office I did not notice the weight until
after meeting

W. Lee,

From

Johnston, Brs. & C.

Baltimore.

Recd
16 Ap '58

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U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 14th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt this day, from Adams Express Co of \$100,000 in gold Coins in full for balance due on Invoice No 185; and have now to hand Invoice No 187 for 2 Boxes, Fine gold Bars, Gross Weight 5025.89 ozs, Value \$202,444.50 sent by the above Company, for which please remit in Double Eagles. —

Very respectfully

Charles Russell

Actg Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Measured, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Treas. apay Off

New York

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REPORT ON

IMPROPERLY REFINED BARS

FROM

N.Y. ASSAY OFFICE

United States Assay Office,
New York, Apr. 11, 1858.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. containing an extract from a communication from the Meltor & Refiner of the Mint on the subject of the gold and silver bars issued from this Office.

The allegations made by your Meltor & Refiner are of so serious a nature, and affect so injuriously the reputation of this Office, that I am under the necessity of requesting that they may be more specifically stated.

1. Is the "impure character of much of the gold and silver received from the N.Y. Assay Office" intended to be alleged equally of both the gold and silver bars?

2. In what bars, gold or silver, have you found quite an appreciable amount of lead?

3. Moreover, if such fine gold bars are shipped abroad, their character will not tend to sustain the hitherto high reputation of the Mint of the U.S. — Does the expression

'such fine gold bars' mean such as have been
sent from this Office to the Mint, or such
gold bars as the ~~imposed~~ bars sent to
the Mint, whether gold or silver?

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

S. D. Butcher
Sup

Mr. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Booth, and please make a report
respecting these interrogatories.

S. D. B.

Wm + J

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

In relation to lead
contained in said
ref. from that office
Thos Booths commu-
nication in the subject
enclosed herewith.

April 16. 1857.

April 16. 8.

Do
etc a response to your letter of the 14th
inst, and to the inquiries herein presented,
I send you enclosed a communication
addressed to me, from Prof. Booth, the
Editor of Refiner of the Mint.

I had noticed the difficulty, stated
by Mr. Booth, of making silver ingots
suitable for coinage; but, under the
impression that it arose mainly from
the receipt of some intractable deposits
I hoped it would not require any special
notice; but as it continues to embar-
rass our operations it seems proper
and should take measures to remove
the cause of it.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours obt^d servant,
Sam^l H. Butterworth, Esq.
Capt. & pay officer,
New York.

James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

W:LA St. April. 1858

Dear Sir,

I herewith offer a few remarks in reply to the queries, contained in a letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Assay Office, N. Y. The letter addressed to you ^{by me} was designed to urge the attention of the Sup^t to the fact that for a considerable time past the gold & silver has been much more impure than that formerly rec^d from the Assay Office & sometimes so impure as to require re-refining before it could be brought into a state fit for coinage.

To the queries I reply:

1. I did not design to ascribe equal impurity to the gold & silver bars. As a general rule the gold bars are of good quality; but occasionally they are more impure than formerly, & within a month or two I scraped off oxide of lead from the surface of one or two bars. The impurity is however usually manifested in the brittleness of the gold. Again, some of the gold bars have recently exhibited such small deep cavities, that we could not take the weight satisfactorily without previously drying them.

ing that the holes might conceal water.

The n. y. weight of the last lot was oz. 13,880.60
but weight after drying was 13,880.24

loss

.06 oz

Even after thus drying, we found grease in one of the cavities.

But I might say much more of the impurities on the silver, from the surface of many of which more or less oxide of lead or oxides of lead & copper may be easily scraped. The effect of the impurities (I suppose chiefly lead) you, dear Sir, have witnessed in the struggles we have gone through in order to render it fit for coinage. We have found it necessary to flux every melt & then pickle every ingot while hot, with acid, in order to obtain good coin. Supposing the

from deposit of old Plate & Pigs, after obtaining the silver free from defects, I again abandoned the fluxing & pickling, but the 3rd day afterwards the same defects appeared, & obliged me to resort again to fluxing, &c. which we find it necessary to continue.

2. I have found but traces of lead in gold, but on the silver, I have repeatedly found fused oxide of lead

3. The third query I cannot answer, because I must
humbly acknowledge that I do not understand it,
I think there must be some inadvertent error in the
wording of it

Very truly yours
J. H. Booth
M. I. R.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director
U. S. Mint

United States Assay Office,
New York, April 20, 1858.

Sir,

Having received, on Saturday, your letter of the 16th, in reply to mine of the 14th inst., I beg leave to submit the following remarks.

1. As to Silver. This Office has never pro-
fessed to refine the silver bullion, ^{purchased, or} deposited
for coinage. A simple melting, for the pur-
pose of putting it into a condition to be
accurately valued, is all that has been con-
sidered requisite. It occasions me no sur-
prise, therefore, to learn that impurities
sometimes exist in the silver bars sent from
this Office, which require at the hands of
your Melter & Refiner the same treatment as
do similar bars from your other depositors.
Our recent practice in regard to silver differs
in no respect from that in which the Mint
has acquiesced since the opening of this Office;
and though I regret the inconvenience of which
your Melter & Refiner complains, I respectfully
suggest that, in the absence of instructions on

the subject, this Office is not justly amenable to his censure.

2. As to Gold. While I am relieved from the apprehensions excited, by your letter of the 12th inst., as to the "impure character of much of the gold & silver received from the N.Y. Assay Office", by the assurance now given that "As a general rule the gold bars are of good quality", I am free to confess my regret that they should be even "occasionally" impure or brittle. On this point I refer you to the explanations contained in the enclosed communications from the Melted & Refiner of this Office. It would have been better to have returned to us the two bars accidentally touched with lead, or to have made a specific reclamation therefor. Mr. Kent, I think, treats this matter too seriously. Prof. Booth could never have intended to build a charge of impurity on so superficial a basis. I have called the attention of Dr. Torrey to the complaints in regard to brittleness, and I trust that this evil will be corrected. It is due to the Assayer of this Office to state, however, that this matter has not escaped his attention. He informs me that never in a single instance

Postscript. Referring to my statement on the 4th page of the accompanying letter that the weight of the bars, as found by the Treasurer's balance at this Office "agreed, within a few hundredths of an ounce, with the weight found at the Mint," I desire to make the following correction.

The weight by the Treasurer's balance,
at this Office, was Cy. 13,880.03

Moist weight as stated in Prof. Butth's
letter of the 16th "after drying" 13,880.24

Difference 21

You will observe, however, that notwithstanding the "drying", the Mint weight exceeded ours.

The above are the facts as I now learn them. The statement in my letter was the result of an impression derived at the time the disagreement of our balances was under investigation. This instance, although it fail to sustain Prof. Booth's inference, shows careful weighing. I have given such instructions as will, I trust, prevent its recurrence.

2^d Postscript. I am under the necessity also

of modifying my statement in respect to
the brittleness of fine gold bars. Although
it is distinctly declared that no brittle bars
have ever been "passed" at this Office, I find
that I have left it to be inferred that such
bars have been made and "Condemned". Such
I now learn is not the fact. Justice to our
Melter & Refiner requires me to state that not
in a single instance, since the commencement of
our operations, has a melt of bars been con-
demned for brittleness. While therefore I repeat
the expression of my hope that this evil, as
far as it exists, may be corrected, I cannot
but think it has been overrated.

S. F. B

U.S. Assay Office

New York, Apr 15th 1878.

Sir,

The letter from the Director of the Mint dated April 12th, directed to you, and which you have placed in my hands, has rec^d my careful attention.

In reference to the Silver deposits melted at this Office, and sent to the Mint, I have to say that we use a protective flux (borax) but do not attempt to refine or purify the deposit in the pot, because in so doing, a larger loss in weight would be produced which would cause dissatisfaction on the part of the Depositor. We also use borax with gold deposits, and with Jewellers gold a little Nitre is used.

In reference to the fine gold bars, made at this Office, I have to say, that in the absence of any definite instructions, I have always understood, that it was my duty, as M^r of the Assay Office, where no coining is done, to make them of a fineness above 990, and of a quality to be decided by the Assayer of this Office, without any reference to the use to which they may be applied after leaving the Office, and that when they would not pass this inspection, it was his duty to condemn them, and mine to remelt or refine them until they would so pass. If I am in error on this point I shall be happy to be corrected.

The extract from the letter from the Mint

and Refiner of the Mint, contained in the letter from
the Director of the Mint, above referred to, which says
"Moreover if such fine gold bars are shipped abroad,
their character will not tend to sustain the hitherto
high reputation of the Mint of the U.S.", cannot
refer to the fine gold bars usually made here. I find
on reference to the books of this office, that, from the
Commencement in 1854 to April 14th 1858, fine gold bars
to the value of \$70,286,000 have been made at
this office, of which \$12,300,000 have been sent to
the Mint, and \$58,686,000 (which is $\frac{5}{7}$ of the whole)
have been shipped abroad; still I leave on careful
enquiry, that not the slightest complaint has ever
before been rec^d at this office in reference to the
fine gold bars made here. If by such fine gold bars,
he refers to a few which accidentally became soiled
with lead by falling while hot, on the bottom of the
pickling vat (which is lined with lead) I regret that
he referred to it, because he must be aware that
^{neither} metallic lead ^{nor oxide of lead} could ~~not~~ remain in the gold after
refining with Nitric acid, and that being on the
surface (where it could be seen) it must be due to
an accident, which I now learn did happen, and
I regret that my attention was not called to it
at the time, and that the result of it escaped
the inspection of the assayer, for otherwise the
bars would have been condemned, and of course
would not have passed out of the office.

Under the impression, before referred to, that

it was my duty to refine gold without special reference to coinage, all the gold deposited here has been refined by one process only, and I have no doubt but that the principal difficulty complained of by Prof. Booth is due to the large quantity of Jewellers Gold deposited at this office, which always contains Tin and other base metals, all of which cannot be removed by fluxing the deposits, or by refining with Nitric acid in the usual way. To remedy this difficulty, I propose in future to refine such deposits by a separate process, instead of mixing them with the California Gold as heretofore, & will cheerfully follow any other instructions I may receive

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Edward S. Kent.
Nelson & Rogers

S. H. Butterworth Esq.
Superintendent.

From To
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Explanation as
to impure bars sent
to the Mint. - State that
the same is satisfactory.

Apr 22. 1858.

has he failed to condemn a melt of bars in which brittleness was detected. If any complaints have been made of the brittleness of such of our bars as have been paid to depositors, ~~these~~ complaints have never reached this Office. [See 2^d postscript.]

I can say nothing to excuse the sending to the Mint of bars that are defaced with "deep caroms" on their surface, ~~except to state that they~~ which occasion discrepancies of weight. I am bound to state, however, that the instance of such discrepancy adduced by Prof. Booth is susceptible of an entirely different explanation. The bars sent to the Mint are weighed twice at this Office, - once by the Melters & Refiners & once by the Treasurers. In this instance, instead of the usual agreement between these two balances, a large difference was noted. For want of time to determine which balance was at fault, the invoice was made up according to the larger weight as indicated by the Melters & Refiners' balance, which had been carefully adjusted the day before. It was found, however, that it needed re-adjusting, & that the correct weight was that indicated by the Treas-

men's balance, and which agreed, within a few hundredths of an ounce, with the weight found at the Mint. [See postscript.]

The 3^d inquiry in my letter of the 14th inst., which seems not to have been understood, is, I confess, somewhat obscure. This obscurity was inevitable. I was unwilling to understand Prof. Booth as making the sweeping assertion that the fine gold bars sent from this Office to the Mint are discreditable to the country; & I endeavored, therefore, to give to his statement an alternative interpretation, of which it is evidently not susceptible. It has but one meaning; and as this is far from being justified by the facts which he adduces, or even consistent with the admissions contained in his second communication, I am left to conclude that the first was written inadvisedly.

I trust that the suggestions which you have made will be sufficient to correct such of the evils complained of as have a real existence at this Office, and I respectfully solicit such further instructions, particularly with reference to refining silver, or the rejection of troublesome deposits, as you may deem necessary.

Very respectfully re.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

S. F. Putterworth
Supt

Dr,

April 22

I have received your letter of the
20th inst, and Mr. Kent's communication.
I am well satisfied with the explanations
you have given in relation to any
impurity that may have been and acci-
dentally passed into the refined gold.
The matter Mr. Kent proposes hereafter to
beat the Semblers gold in my press. For
some time past, among other difficulties,
I have noticed that the gold is harder,
and requires a greater blow per the
press to bring up the coin, than usual.
This embarrassment will I think dis-
appear if the Semblers gold is treated
by a separate process and not mixed
with the gold from California.
I agree to the plan, and
may state that as it is convenient

flux off more on top of the impurities con-
tained in it, and as this can best be
accomplished where the nature of the
apert is known, by varying the flux
I have to request that you cause the
to be done as far as it may be
practicable; and at the same time to
in the memorandum sent to the
accompanying the billon.

I am very respectfully

your Obedt servant,

James Rep. Newcomb

Director of the Min

Saml J. Bullenworth Esq

Sup^t of the Office

New York.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department, April 13th 1858.

Sir,

I am in receipt of One hundred
thousand dollars in gold coins on account of
invoice no. 183.

Very respectfully

Wm. J. C. Bly

Treasurer.

D. Sturgeons, Esq.,
Treasurer U.S. Mint }

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd
14 ap '58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department, April 13th. 1858.

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Very respectfully

Wm. J. C. B. Co.

Treasurer.

D. Sturgeon, Esq.,
Treasurer U.S. Mint }

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd
14 ap '58

P. V. Thompson Esq.
Theodore W. W. W.

Post Office, Geneva N.Y.
April 12, 1858—

Sir:

At the request of a number of Merchants of this place, I write you for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms Spanish and Mexican coin is exchanged at the Mint.

Having in view the exclusion of such coin from circulation, any information you will afford us to that end will be esteemed a favor.

Very respy

Your Obt Serv^t

J. N. Parker P.M.

From Dr. J. H. Parker Esq
P.M.
At Geneva
N.Y.

Exchange & purchase
of Spanish & Mex coin
at the Mint

April 14, 1858. —

April 14, 8.

Dir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
favor of the 12th inst

The Spanish and Mexican silver coin referred to
in your letter, are received at the Mint at their nominal
value in exchange for cents of the new issue, as per my
Circular of 27th April 1857, a copy of which is enclosed
herewith.

The coins above referred to, are also, purchased
at the Mint at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard
silver, and paid for in silver coins of the new issue. At
the present rate of exchange, the yield of such coin, is about

Spanish Quarters 23½ cents

Eighths 10 7/10

Sixtenths 5 5/8

Mexican Quarters 25 7/8

Very Respectfully

Samuel R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint

S. H. Parker Esq.

U. S. Treasury

Minist of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 12, 1858

Sir

My attention has been on several occasions called to the impure character of some of the deposits received from your office: and I have recently received a communication on the subject from the Master & Refiner of which the following is an extract.

"I am obliged to call your attention to the impure character of much of the gold and silver received from the New-York Assay Office, as it causes to this establishment much loss of time and unnecessary wastage to render it fit for coinage. I have found quite ~~some~~ quite an appreciable amount of lead on many of the bars as received from the assay office. These repetitions imperator remain for want of fluxing, or at least of

proper fluxing. The evil is not restricted to the bars in question but as we are obliged to mix lots together, and cannot know always beforehand which are objectionable the evil is disseminated through a large amount of bullion to our very great inconvenience and loss.

The true place to remedy the above is to flux the deposits properly, because then the impurity can best be known. Moreover if such fine gold bars are shipped abroad, their character will not tend to sustain the hitherto high reputation of the Mint of the U.S.

In a former communication (March 9th) I mentioned the ~~propriety~~ ^{propriety} of using a protective flux ~~for the purpose of marking~~ ^{with a series of} ~~more~~ closer returns to depositors, and ~~now~~ ^{the} now this direction seems the more necessary from the fact that the want of proper fluxing occasions inconvenience and loss in the operation of coining. I have ~~therefore~~ ^{therefore} ~~it becomes necessary for~~

I have then to call your particular attention to this subject and to request that the causes of the inconvenience and loss ~~be~~ ^{herein} referred to may be ^{hereafter} avoided as far as may be practicable.

I am, very Respectfully
Your Old Servant
(Signed) James Ros Sinden
Director,

Saml W. Butterworth Esq
Supt U. S. Assay office,
New York 12,

To
Saml W Putnam Esq
Sup U.S. Army Office
N.Y.

Respecting lead
in deposits received
from that office
instructions to use
a protective flux. -

April 12, 1858.

From

J. L. Smith, And
Washington

Rec'd
14 ap 58

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
April 12th 1858.

Sir

Your ordinary expenses
account for first quarter 1858
has been received

Very Respectfully
Wm Smith
Auditor

Hon Dan Sturgeon
Treasurer of the Mint }
Philada }

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 12th 1858

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company, of which receipt and invoice No 186 are enclosed, five boxes fine gold bars, gross weight 13.880.60 ozs net value of 282.790.50 in payment for which I will thank You to remit double eagles, at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

No. 186

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

5 Boxes containing 13880.60 ozs Gold Bullion,

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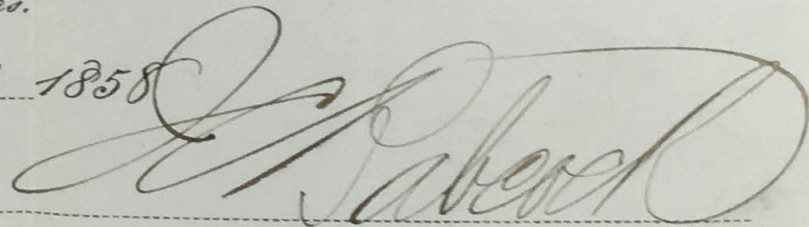
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Two hundred and Eighty two thousand seven
hundred and ninety 3-100 dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 12 1858

Adams Express Co.



From

Jno. J. Cised, May

New York

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95 S. Sixth street.
April 12th 1837

Respected Sir

I again most respectfully ask your kind attention to my application for employment in the Lady's adjusting department of the United States Mint. I need only refer you to the strong and earnest recommendations in my behalf to assure you of the gratification it would give to many of your Political and Personal friends. I may further add that the members of Congress from Philadelphia if they were in the city through the respect that they have for my Father would be much pleased to urge my appointment. And I may further state that the amount to be derived from such employment is much needed

and would be properly applied
Necessity alone is my excuse for
so frequently troubling you
With much esteem your
Obedient Servant.

Margaret V. Dickson

Hon. J. Ross Snowden

To
From Miss M. T. Dickson
Phila.

Desiring employment
in the Unit. -

April 13, 1854

Reply that there
are no vacancies
at present. -

Treasury Department
April 12. 1858.

Sir

Enclosed you will find a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Depository at Baltimore and made payable to Adams Express Co. for \$1050. which be pleased to forward, as nearly as may be, in the denomination of Coins as designated.

I am very Res^t
Nowell Cobb
Sec of the Treasury.

Sam^l. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philad^a.

1000 30
30 00

From

Howell Cobb

Sec of Treasury

April 12 1858

United States Assay Office
New-York, April 10, 1858.

Sir,

In reply to yours of yesterday,
I have to state that we are paying
for Nitric Acid $7\frac{1}{2}$ cts., & for Sulphuric
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ cts. per lb.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

J. P. Butterworth
Sup't

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia. }

From Supt Chas. S. May Jr.
N.Y.

Prepaid for
Acids

April 10, 1858.

17 APRIL - 10 - 1858

To.

Sec Treasury

Quarterly Statement of
the Expenditures of the
Unit. - 1st Quarter 1858. -

April 10, 1858. -

April 10. 8.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, 297,
I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of
the Mint during the 1st quarter of the present year:

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint during the 1st Quarter 1855.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	26,563.41
Incidental & Contingent Expenses	9,375.75
Total	<u>\$ 42,914.16</u>

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson.
Director of the Mint.

How Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 9. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$100 000. in Gold Coins, in ac of invoice N^o 182.

As for receipt and statement enclosed I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, fifteen boxes Silver bullion; Gross weight 31294.50 lbs. Net value \$40632.75 in payment for which I will thank you to remit Quarter dollars.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt^l Serv^t

R. Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. B. Co
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 185

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing..... Gold Bullion,
15 " " 31294.50 ozs Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$40632.75

Forty Thousand, Six Hundred and
Thirty Two ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 9 1858

Adams Exp^y Co

[Signature]

63275

From

J. J. Cisco, Treasr

New York

Rec'd

Ap. 12/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

April 10th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$72,294.65 in Gold Coins, and \$43,090.91
in Silver Coins, on Ac of invoices N^o. 182. 183. 184.
and Credit has been given for the same.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Jr
New York

Rec'd

ap. 10/58

April 10/58

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$250.00 in Gold Coins, and \$43.00 in
Silver Coins, on the 10th inst. 1858. The
total of the sum given for the same.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Cisco
Secretary

J. J. Cisco, Jr
New York

APRIL-9-1858

To
Supt U.S. Assay office
N.Y.

Ask price paid
for acids. -

April 9, 1857.

June 9. 18.

Sir,

I will thank you to inform me of
the price at which you are purchasing acids
for the use of your office.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Hendon
Director of the Mint

Sam. F. Putnam & Co.,
Dept. U. S. Treasury,
New York.

125-) 400 (320
 3 75-
 250
 250

Louisville Ky Ap 9th
 1858

320
 125-
 195
 3 20
 6 40
 195
 Mr. Snowden

Dear Sir

I call upon
 you again to favor me with
 some of your silver in ingots -
 Enclosed you will find four hundred
 dollars for which you will please
 send me the value in silver by
 Adams Express - I had hoped to have
 passed through city this spring, but
 my new chemical works confine
 me much more than I had expected
 that they would - Mr. Guthrie
 is quite well and very much
 absent in the completion of the
 Louisville and Nashville R. Road

Yours truly
 Lawrence Smith

The
 Draft, deposited for collection

From F. L.

J. Lawrence Smith Esq

Louisville

Ky.

Draft for \$400—

has been returned

in silver bars

April 21. 1838.

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia April 21 1858

Received from Director of the U.S. Mint the
undermentioned, Bag to be forwarded to
J. Laurence Smith at Louisville KY

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

J. Laurence Smith
Louisville
Kentucky

ARTICLE.

One Bag containing
Four hundred Dollars in
Silver Bars

For the Proprietors,

Geo. C. Thompson

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. April 21. 1838,

Dear Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 9th inst.
enclosing draft on New-York for \$400, and have sent
you to day per Adams Express Co. \$399.23, in silver bars, as
follows:

Fineness	in all	oz 287.58
		995 ¹ / ₂ thousandths
Equal to		319.39 Standard ounces
Value thereof at 125 per oz		\$399.23

The balance of the proceeds of your draft ^{23 ¹/₂ %} is
returned in Silver Coin with the package containing
the bars.

I am, Very Truly Yours,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Lawrence Smith Esq
Louisville,
Ky.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 8, 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of One hundred & fifty thousand dollars in Gold Coins on acc of invoice No 182.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. W. Co
Treasurer

Office, New York

Secretary's Department

Sam^l B

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd

ap-9/58

Boston Apr 7/58

J. Ross Snowden Esq,
Sir:

Allow me the
privilege of soliciting a reply
to the following questions. viz-
What was the first year the U. S.
Government began to issue dimes
and half-dimes? What is the value
of a complete set of cents? Does
such a coin as a cent of 1815
exist? My address is "Care of
Gardner Wolcott & Co."

Excuse this liberty &

believe me very Resptly

Yours &c

George W Thacher

J
Wm & Co
G. W. Thacher
Boston

old coins

Apr 9. 1857 F.

April 9. 1815.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th inst.

They direct me first issued by the Mint in 1794; others in 1796.

I am not able to state the value of a complete set of U.S. cents; coin-collectors have their own fancy prices for rare cents.

There is no genuine cent of 1815.

Very Respectfully,

C. R. Snowden

Director of the Mint

George W. Thacher Esq

Boston,

Mass.

From V. G.

John H. Hickox Esq
State Librarian
Albany
N.Y.

Genl of Directors of
the Mint & —

April 7. 1858. —

- and for many years Chancellor of South Carolina)
3. Elias Boudinot (in place of Judge DeSaussure resigned.)
October 1795 to July 1805. (Previously, President of
Congress under the Confederation)
4. Robert Patterson, (on the resignation of Dr. Boudinot.)
July 1805 to July 1824. (Vice Provost of the Univ. Pa.,
and Pres. ~~Amer. Phil.~~ Phil. Society)
5. Dr Samuel Moore, (in place of Mr Patterson deceased)
July 1824 to July 1835. (Member of Congress from Bucks
County, Pa)

6. Dr Robert M. Patterson, (on the resignation of Dr Moore) July
1835 to July 1851 / Professor of Natural Philosophy in Univ. Virginia,
and President of American Phil. Society)
7. Dr. Geo. A. Eckert, (via Dr. Patterson resigned) July 1851
to April 1853. (Member of Congress from Lebanon Co. Pa.)
8. Jas. M. Pettit, (in place of Dr. Eckert resigned) April to June
1853. (Judge District Court Phila.)
9. The present incumbent, James Ross Snowden, (previously Speaker of
the House of Representatives Pa., Treasurer of Pennsylvania, and
Treasurer of the Univ.) was appointed in June 1853, in the
place of Judge Pettit, who died on the 31st of May in that
year, having held the Office of Director but a few weeks.

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Univ. Virginia, & President of American Phil. Society)

7. Dr. Geo. N. Eckert, vice Dr. Patterson resigned, July 1851 to April 1853. (member of Congress from Lebanon)

S. Thos. M. Pettit, in place of Dr Eckert resigned, April
to June 1853 (Inage District Court, Phil.)

The present incumbent

~~G. James Robt. Menden~~ previously Speaker of the House of Representatives Treasurer
~~of the State of New York~~

~~in June 1853, in the place of Judge Pettit who died on the 31. May in that year, having held the office of District but a few weeks.~~

1. I can give no special information on this point.
2. Same answer. The authorized coinage of copper began in 1793; the silver, in the latter part of 1794; the gold, in the summer of 1795.
3. We have in the Mint Cabinet two "Washington Cents" of 1791, and a "half penny" of the same date; ¹⁷⁹³ these three bear the head of Washington, precisely alike, and are known to have been coined in Birmingham, England.

The pieces of 1792, bearing the head of Washington, (one in copper being in our Cabinet, and a few in silver being extant elsewhere,) are said by Mr Mickle, to be from dies made by an Engraver in Lancaster, Pa. named Gatz, by way of recommendation for the office of Engraver in the Mint; to which however he was not appointed.

4 & 5. We have no information. A "nova Eboraca" doubloon of 1787, worth near \$17, is in our Cabinet, and is supposed to be unique.

6. 1. David Rittenhouse (the eminent philosopher)
July 1792 to July 1795.
2. Henry M^r De Saussure (vice Mr Rittenhouse resigned) July 11, to Oct. 28, 1795 (afterwards

APRIL-7-1858

Jmc

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
April 7 1838.

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treas.^r Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account of Gold,
Silver and Cent Bullion for the quarter ending
30 September last, has been adjusted at the Treas-
ury, and the following balance found to be in
the Mint on said date:-

Gold Bullion, —————	\$ 779.405.14
Silver do. —————	1.227.234.99
Gold Coins, —————	495.942.35
Silver do. —————	197.184.65
Cent Bullion —————	107.813.92
Cent Coins —————	14.44

\$ 2.808.145.49

which differs from the balance found by you, and
concurred in by the First Auditor, namely \$2.808.075.89,
in the sum of \$129.⁵⁰.— This difference is explained in

The allowance of amount overcharged by Adams & Co's Express
for transportation of \$4,800.⁰⁰, Silver Coin, from Phila.
to Pittsburg. — That sum at \$3.⁰⁰ per thousand, amounts
to \$14.⁴⁰, not \$144.⁰⁰, as charged.

I am, respectfully,

Your ob^t. Servant,

W. M. Dill

Comptroller

Firm/

W. Medill, Compt

Washington

Apr. 7/58

Recd Apr. 8

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APRIL-6-1858

From S. J. Deach Eng
Burlington
Vt.

Amount of new Cents
rec'd in excess of
deposits made. -

April 13, 1858.

April 13. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst. The statement of the amount of old coin deposited by you at the mint for new cents is correct. The \$41.00 you have received in excess belongs to the "Hamden Express" in this city, the agent of which made the exchange for you, and in forwarding the new cents, must have directed a package to you which was designed for some one else. The amount may be returned to "Hamden Express" Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Wm. H. Eg.
Washington,
Vermont.

Burlington April 6 1858

Wm R Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear

I am today in receipt
of 4 Bags of Bags of Cents of the new issue
3 of the Bags weigh 51^{lb} each & contain 50. each \$150.00
1 " " " " 5^{lb} " " " 55. / 55.00
Amounting if rightly estimated to \$205.00

If my memorandum of Cents & Silver sent
you is correct you have sent me 15 many "Cents"

57 Nov 19 Cents "Sent" you 4 pup \$12.00

58 Dec 20 Silver " " " " 40.00

Mar 11 Cents " " " " 12.00 \$164.00
Total due you \$41.00

If I am not correct in the above
Statement please inform me & if I am
Correct please direct me what to do
with the one plus

Yours Truly
Jas Beach
Jas Beach

Jan. 19 60¢ No. 1388
Feb. 9 40¢ " 311
Mar. 16 65¢ " 761

APRIL-6- 1858

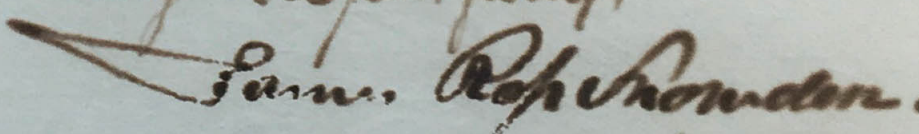
April 8 8.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 6th inst I enclose herewith a copy of my last circular in relation to the purchase of silver at the Mint.

You can transmit your old coin to the Mint through an Express ^{Co.}, and receive the proceeds by the same conveyance, in such denominations of silver coin as you may specify.

Very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Blodgett & Co.

Bankers.

Buffalo, N. Y.

DRAFTS AND UNCURRENT
MONEY
bought and sold
Collections made & promptly
remitted.

BLODGETT & CO'S
Banking & Exchange Office

WM H. BLODGETT.

F.J. ATWATER.

Buffalo April 6 1858

Saml R Snowden Esq

Will you have
the goodness to inform us by one of your
circulars the rate you receive old silver
in Exchange for new. A draft on New York
would be preferred. And if it is necessary
for us to transact the business through
a Broker in Phila

We are most Respectfully,
Yours
Blodgett & Co

London

Messrs. Rogers & Co.

Bankers
Rue de la
N. Y.

Chapman & Co.

April 8. 1858. —

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

No 184

April 6. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and invoice enclosed, I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, Eighteen boxes Silver bullion, weighing 35157.02 Oz. Net Value \$43,090.91 in payment for which I will thank you to remit \$6,000. in Ten cent coins, and the balance \$37,090.91 in half dollars.

No advice of the receipt of five boxes Gold bullion, forwarded on the 2nd inst, has yet come to hand.

Very Respectfully

J. S. Morgan Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. H. S. C. W. Co
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 184

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Boxes containing Gold Bullion,
Eighteen " " 35154.02 Oz Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$43090.91
Forty three thousand, and Ninety ⁹¹/₁₀₀
Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 6 1858

Adams Express Co. Thos. Hoey

From

J. J. Bird, Esq.

New York

Recd

ap 7/58

Wester Monroe Co. N.Y.
April 6. 1858

Sir

Please inform me of
the average value of Spanish
Coin when received to America.
and oblige Yours Respectfully

W. J. Reynolds
Per

PS Write by return mail
You can mail your letter
to me Postage Paid

W. J. R.
per

From S. L.
W. J. Reynolds
P. M.
Wetzel N. Y.

no cent. —

April 8. 1858

April 8. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 6th inst. I have to state that old Spanish coin are purchased at the Mint at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness, and paid for in silver coins of the new issue. The yield of such coin is about as follows:

Spanish Quarters 23½ cents

Eighths 10¼ " "

Sixteenths 5¼ " "

Mexican Quarters 25¼ " "

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

W. J. Raymond Esq.,
Post Master, Webster,
Monroe Co.
N.Y.

P.S. Enclosed I send you a copy of my Circular in relation to the exchange of the new cent coin.

Danville Livingston Co
N.Y. April 5th 1858

Director of the Mint-
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Did I not see
a notice from you - say
in you would take Spanish
Quarters at - 25^c Shillings
at - 12½ & 6 Pence at 6¼
and pay in the new
Pence 100 for the dollar
and forward the same
by Express free of charge
to the receiver - Let me
hear at once and I
will be ready to forward
the Silver by Express

James Owens

From

James Owen

Danvers

N.Y.

E. Newcomb

April 7. 1888.

W. H. Allen

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 6 April 1858

Dear Sir

I am obliged to call your attention to the impure character of much of the silver & gold received from the N.Y. Assay Office, as it causes to this establishment much loss of time & unnecessary wastage to render it fit for coinage. I have found quite an appreciable amount of lead on many of the bars, as received from the Assay Office. These vexatious impurities remain for want of fluxing ~~and~~ or at least of proper fluxing. The evil is not restricted to the bars in question, but, as we are obliged to mix lots together, & cannot know always beforehand, which are objectionable, the evil is disseminated through a

large amount of bullion, to our
very great inconvenience & loss.

The true place to remedy the above is
to flux the deposit properly, because
then the impurity can best be known
moreover if such fine gold bars are
shipped abroad, their character will not
tend to sustain the hitherto high
reputation of the Mint of the U.S.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director. U. S. Mint

I
Wm P. Smith
M + R
U. S. Mint

Character of deposits
re from Mr. assay
office.

Apr 12, 1858. —

Utica N. Y. Apr. 5, 1858

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Dr. Sir/

In Consequence of a letter from the Secy. of the Treasury of the 31st ult. to one of the Citizens of this place, I am under the necessity of again troubling you ^{to know} whether you will return me U. S. Silver or gold Coin for the Spanish and Mexican Silver Coin? And also whether you will receive the Spanish & Mexican Silver from private individuals, and if so at what rate, and in what Coin? The Secretary in his letter says "Authority was formerly given to the Mints in New Orleans & Philadelphia to purchase Silver of that Standard at 122½ Cents per oz. but our stock of Silver Coin & Bullion becoming too large for Convenience this Authority was revoked nearly a year since and purchases of Silver Bullion are not now made at the mints at any price" - Our people are desirous of getting rid of this foreign currency and are willing to suffer some loss to attain that object, but if government refuses to receive it at the ordinary price allowed for bullion it will continue in circulation - I still receive this old Coin at the P. O. at 5¢ 10¢ & 20¢ and have some \$30. on hand, but if I cannot dispose of it at the mint for any thing but Cents I must of course stop

I
Mm

P. Master

Utica New York

Purchase gold Spanish
coin by the unit

Circular sent in reply

Apr 6. 1858.

Boston April 3. 1858

Sir:

May I venture to take the liberty to intrude upon you with the request that you will be pleased to inform me whether any publication has been issued from the Department under your able direction embodying the various laws of the U. States on Coinage, and if so, where it can be had?

The Gov^t of Chile is about to make some changes in its Coinage and being anxious to adopt that of the U. S. as a model, so far as may be practicable, I have been applied to for information on the subject, but I have been unable as yet, to find any thing bearing upon it, with the exception of your last interesting report to Congress; which I trust you will consider a sufficient apology for my thus trespassing upon your attention.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours most Obedt.

Henry V. Ward

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phil^a

Counsel of the Republic of Chile.

From H

Henry Bowditch
Consul Republican
Chile
Boston
Mass.

Information in relation
to U. S. Consular
Service. —

Certain most promptly
mailed to Mr. Ward
today.

April 5, 1858.

April 5. 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained
in your letter of the 3^d. inst I have sent
a few pamphlets which I have prepared
on the subject of the Mint and Coinage.
These I hope will afford you some
assistance in giving the information
asked for by the Government of
Chile.

I am, very Respectfully
your ob^d. servant,

James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.
Henry V. Ward Esq
Consul of the Republic
of Chile.
Boston,
Massachusetts.

Post Office, Hartford, Conn.,

April 3 1858

*A letter bearing your address is detained in this Office
for non-payment of postage! By enclosing to me, im-
mediately on receipt of this, one **THREE CENT STAMP** and
PRE-PAYING your note of reply, the Letter will be duly
forwarded according to its direction!*

Respectfully yours,

WM. JAS. HAMERSLEY, Postmaster.

J
Wm Bt Master
Hartford
Conn.

Stamp for letter. -

Remaining in the office

for non payment
of postage

Hon. James Ross Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

April 6 1858.

U. S. Attorney's Office
District of Connecticut
Hartford Conn.
April 3rd 1858

Sir:

I have this day sent you by Express
by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury
Hon Howell Cobb a pair of dies for making
counterfeit 3 cent pieces, together with stamps
and other articles connected therewith - also
portions of the metal from which four hun-
dred pieces were struck - also a pair of
unfinished ten cent dies, one side only
of which has been worked - Please acknowl-
edge the receipt of the same.

Very Respectfully Yours.

By
Hon James Ross Snowden
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From
Office of
U.S. District Atty.
Hartford
Conn.

Committed to carriage
implements forwarded

April 9, 1855.

U. S. Attorney's Office
District of Connecticut
Hartford Conn.
April 3rd 1858

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury
Hon. Howell Cobb I herewith transmit to you
a pair of dies for making counterfeit 3 cent
pieces, together with stamps, and other articles
connected therewith — also portions of the
metal from which four hundred pieces were
struck — also a pair of unfinished ten
cent dies, one side only of which has been
worked — Please acknowledge the receipt
of the same

Very Respectfully Yours

By
Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Tom T. O.

U. S. District Attorney
Hartford
Conn.

Order for making
counterfeit 3¢ for forwarding
by order of Sec. Treasury. -
also implements connected
therewith.

April 6. 1858.

April 6. 8

Sir,

I have to-day received a communication from your office, but which by some accident was omitted to be signed. The articles therein referred to were placed in my hands by the agent of the Adams Express Company, viz: a pair of Counterfeit dies for making an imitation of the 3 cent piece, also punches and other implements connected therewith; also some specimens of the metal from which counterfeit 3 cent pieces have been struck; Also a pair of unfinished dies intended to make counterfeit dimes.

I learn from your letter that these implements and articles are sent to me by the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. W. D. Ripman
U.S. District Attorney
Hartford, Conn.

I am, very Respectfully
your obedient servant
Samuel Ross Snowden!
Director of the Mint.

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(ex officio)

TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY

Albany April 3^d 1858

Mr. J. Ross. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir:

I have nearly ready for the press a little work which has taken my spare moments & hours for some time past, on the subject of Early American coinage. of course I desire to bring it out both as to substance & style in a most creditable manner & you will pardon me if I ask of you a favor or two which I could ^{not} elsewhere obtain.

1st Were there any pieces struck by order or for Congress before the "Mind your Business" piece of 1787. and
2^d Were any coined after the above mentioned

piece and the Cents (Washington) of 1791.

3^d I think there are 5 varieties of the Washington Cent of 1791-2. Can you inform me which were struck in this country and which not?

4th Can you give me any history of the pieces with "Nova Confederatio" 1783 inscribed on them (I do not enter into a more detailed acct. of these because you can probably sufficiently understand which I mean)

5th & very important. Do you know any thing of the New York Tokens of 1787 or (Engraved in N. 3 Doc. Hist. of N. Y.)

6th & last, Can an accurate list of the ^{U. S.} Mint Directors & Engravers be procured?

Begging your indulgence and earliest convenient attention to these queries

I remain
Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Hickox

Mr. Du Bois will please give me
his views briefly on the within points,
I, B. C.

April 7. 8

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith a statement which I have caused to be prepared in response to the queries presented in your recent letter.

There follows you will perceive are very many, and indeed on some of the points the evidence being chiefly of a traditional character - I find quite contradictory statements have been made and published. Hence I cannot give the information asked for. I hope however what I send you may be of some service.

~~to you~~

I have not seen the paper and engravings, relating to the "New York Tokens" to which you refer.

I am, very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant,

John G. Hickcox Esq
State Librarian

Albany, New York.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 2. 1858

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company - of which receipt and invoice No 183 are enclosed - five boxes fine gold bars, Gross weight 12472.04 Oz. Net value \$254,447.94 in payment for which I will thank you to remit on the cables.

Very Respectfully,

Wm Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

No. 183

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

5 Boxes containing 12472.04 Oz Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 254,447.94

Two hundred & fifty four thousand
four hundred & forty seven ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 2 1858

Adams Express Co. J. M. Parker

From

J. J. Cisco, Pres.

New York

Rec'd

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Hon Joshua Vansant

Pres. Ma Inst.

Baltimore
Md

Requesting Certificate
made. - payment
therefor.

April 2, 1858.

April 2. 8.

Dear Sir,

On the 26th of February last
I transmitted to you per Adams Express Co. 30
bronzed medals and received from you the sum
of \$10^{in full} therefor. A certificate of the amount paid
to me for said medals is required, as a matter
of form to accompany my accounts to the
Department. You will please, therefore, to fill up
the enclosed blank certificate and return it
to me.

Very Respectfully, &c.,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joshua Vansant,
Pres^t. Maryland Institute,
Baltimore,
Md.

APRIL-2-1858

To.

Benj. F. Perkins Esq
Hr. School Comr.
South Danvers
Mass.

Requesting certificate
of amt paid for me dues

Apr 21 1855. —

April 2. 8.

Dear Sir,

On the 20th day of February last,
I transmitted to you per Adams Express Co. 30
Silver "Perway Medals", and received from you the
sum of ninety dollars (\$90) in full therefor. A
certificate of the amount paid to me for said medals
is appended as a matter of form to accompany
my accounts to the Department. You will please,
therefore, to fill up the enclosed blank certificate
and return it to me.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Benj. F. Perkins Esq
Chairman School Comm.
South Danvers,
Mass.

APRIL-2-

1858

Director of the Mint { Baltimore April 2 1858

Dear Sir

Can you with propriety inform me what is the exact composition of the alloy of which our present new silver coin is made? If you can you will much oblige me by so doing. If there is any pamphlet or other publication containing the composition of the alloys from which our present gold, silver, and new cent coins are made, I shall be very glad to pay what even the cost may be for a copy of it; or for information where I can obtain it.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Gideon B. Smith

M.D.
Baltimore Md.

April 6. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst.

The Act of January 18, 1837, Section 8th provides "That the standard for both gold and silver coins of the United States shall hereafter be such that of one thousand parts by weight, nine hundred shall be of pure metal, and one hundred of alloy; and the alloy of the silver coin shall be of copper, and the alloy of the gold coin shall be of copper and silver, provided that the silver be not more than the one-half of the whole alloy. The standard fixed by the Act just referred to has not been altered by any subsequent enactments. The Act of February 21st 1853, authorized a reduction of the weight of the half dollar, quarter dollar, dime and half dime, but did not as is sometimes supposed alter the fineness.

The new cent is composed of 88 percent copper
and 12 ~~per~~ Nickel.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Henshaw
Director of the Mint.

William B. Smith M.D.
Baltimore,
Md.

Y
Tom L
St James Church
Bulst.

Composition of
V.S. Corns. -

April 6. 1858.

APRIL-2-1858

April 5. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 2nd inst. I have to state that, we have no account of the old coin you refer to as having been forwarded to the Mint through the Pacific Bank. The Express Co. through whom the coin was forwarded by the Bank will probably be able to give some account of it.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Wm. Hoages Esq.,
Banker,
No 555 Broadway,
N.Y.

Metropolitan Exchange, Banking and Collection Office,

No. 558 Broadway,

BETWEEN ST. NICHOLAS AND METROPOLITAN HOTELS.

New York, April 2 1858

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Dr Sir

I sent you on the 18th of Sept last through the Pacific Bank: Six Hundred Dollars in Spanish Silver to be returned in the new cents we have recd but one hundred & fifty dollars. which the Bank say is all that has been returned to them is there no way in which I can obtain my money in some shape if not in the new cents, in some other form.

Wm Crosby

J M Hodge

Mr Griffith -

We know nothing of this matter - & Harrison says the same - You had better write to Mr Hodge to call on the Bank or let them go to the Express office they sent it thro' I have it up -

Thompson

From To

D M Hayes

Pauke
N.Y.

In relation to
Report for new
cars.

April 5. 1858.

New York April 2/58

J Robt Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

I am desirous of exchanging for all you want

In yours of the 21st of March you say "we are perfectly willing to exchange upon the terms agreed upon (Iridium) provided the article offered is genuine &c." The Iridium I sent to exchange was some that I got from Mr Longman some from the Assay office and some that I parted myself from large lumps and the grinding of ten points. I have Mr Longmans word that it was genuine Iridium and I so thought it when I sent it and I think it (if any is dangerous) the most dangerous to be in the market of any, you do not say whether you still decline that lot (which is in Phil's now) or whether you will take it and make an assay of it if you decline it I will send on other in place of it I showed it to Doct Loring Mr Drueing and others and they pronounced it "Iridium" how much must I send for what you have on hand if you decline to take the Iridium dust that is in Phil's is Mr Heausell's hands - you can take the 70.00 for 50 or 60 oz if you wish so to do, awaiting your reply believe me I remain

Yours Truly

John W. Grelator
No 23 Maiden Lane

did the lens Mr Heausell delivered out if not I will send others if you will describe the kind you wish

your fine indium is so mixed with other powders
that we do not think it worth more than 4 ounces
of our grain. If you are unwilling to exchange
at this rate of ^{ten} for one, we prefer declining
making the exchange at a higher rate.

April 5. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 2nd inst. I have to state that your fine iridium is so mixed with other powder that we do not think the amount you have in Mr. Hancello's hands is worth more than 7 ounces of our grain. If you are unwilling to exchange at the rate of 10 oz. for one, we prefer to decline exchanging with you.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel A. B. Friedman.
Director of the Mint.

Mr. John W. Gorton,
No. 23 Maiden Lane,
New York.

P.S. The purs sent me quite well.
Please send a bill for them and I will remit
you the amount. L.R.S.

From H.
Mr. Searles
N.Y.

Exchange of
medium

Apr. 5, 1858.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 1. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and invoice #182. enclosed
I have this day forwarded by the Adams
Express Company, five boxes of fine gold bars,
weighing gross 13,135.82 ozs. amounting in net
value to \$267,846.71 for which I will thank
you to return me double eagles at your earliest
convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasury U. S. Mint

John J. McClellan
Treasury

From

J. J. Cisco, Pres
New York

Recd

Apr. 2/58

No. 182

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

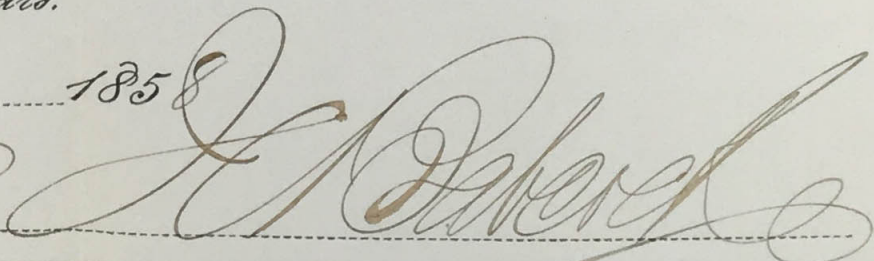
6 Boxes containing 13,135.82 Ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 267,846.71
Two Hundred & Sixty Seven Thousand, Eight
Hundred & Forty six ⁷¹/₁₀₀ dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 1 1858

Adams Express Co. 

United States Assay Office
New-York, April 1, 1858.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed an approximate statement of the business of this Office for the month just closed. A corrected statement will be sent as soon as the calculations are completed.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt.,

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

From
Asst. U. S. Surveyor
New York

Report for March
1837. —

April 2, 1837.

Shaysburg April 1/1838.
Mr James R Snowdow
Director of Mint }
Philadelphia }

Will you please inform
me what amount of old Spanish
Coin you will receive at the Mint
how the Exchange can be made
if I send it by Exprs from
Baltimore, also how many quar-
ters will take to make an ounce
and what it is worth an oz.
and any other information
will be thankfully Recd please
answer this by return mail
I have about 600 in old Spanish
25 Cent & 12 1/2 Cent pieces

Respectfully Yrs,
A. F. Webb

Wm T. S.

W. F. Hebb

Shapshung

Pa

md.

Exchange of
old coin.

April 5. 1858.

April 5. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 1st inst. I have to state that old spanish coin are received at the Mint in exchange for the new cent coin on the terms stated in the enclosed circular. They are also purchased at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness and paid for in silver coins. When purchased at the rate just stated the yield is about as follows, viz:

Quarters 23½ cents

Eighths 10 9/10 "

Sixteenths 5 1/8 "

Mexican Quarters 23 4/10 "

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Henderson,
Director of the Mint.

A. F. Webb Esq.,
Sharpsburg,
Pa.

Treasury Department
April B. 1858.

Sir

I enclose a transfer draft
on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of
the Depository of Pub. Monies at Cincinnati and
made payable to Adams Express Co. for \$500 -
payable in the new Cent Coins.

It is seen from the statement received this
morning that the Mint is not prepared to pay this
amount at once. You will be pleased to make
the transfer from time to time in such sums
as you can conveniently spare.

I am very Res^{ly}
Wm. Cobb
Sec of the Treasury

Wm. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the
Mint - Philad^a.

Sent Apr. 7th & added Sept.

From

Hon W. Cobb

Sec. Treas

Washington

Recd

7 Apr 58

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